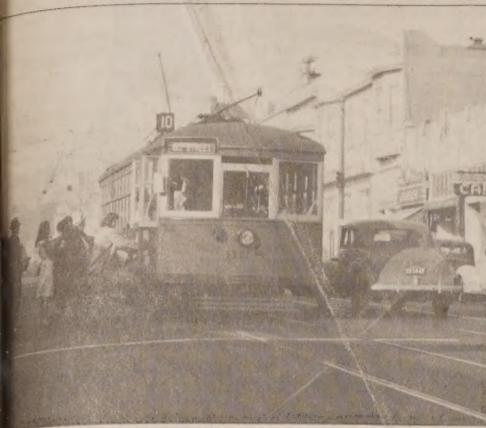


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Earlier version (1940) of a streetcar on Broadway in Oakland

Newsline

Contract agreement reached

ALBANY — The City Council this week approved a new contract, effective to Oct. 1, 1992, with the United Public Employees Union, also known as miscellaneous employees. While agreeing to no salary raise in 1993, the union gained increases in medical and dental benefits and the city will pay all pension contributions, taking over 1 percent formerly paid by the employees.

The union covers maintenance workers and gardeners, clerks, typists, messengers and others.

Focus on wildflowers

EL CERRITO — "A Visit to Beauty 'Hot Spots' for Wildflowers" will be the topic of an illustrated talk by Bob Case, well known in botanical circles for his wildflower photography, at the March 13 meeting of the Richmond-El Cerrito Branch of the American Association of University Women to be held at the Mira Vista Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito.

The illustrated talk by Bob Case at 11 a.m. will feature wild flowers of the Bay Area and describe when and where they can be seen. The meeting is open to interested members of the public.

Cable cost increase

ALBANY — Citing rising operating expenses, Century Cable announced new rates for subscribers effective April 1. The majority of Century customers will see a net increase of \$1.25 per month, according to general manager Jeffrey Butler.

The new basic cable rate will be \$15.95, a \$1 decrease, expanded silver service up by \$2.25 to \$7.25, and customers will be able to duplicate all services received on their primary cable outlet on additional outlets for a flat fee of \$5 a month.

Earthquake training

EL CERRITO — A class on "How to Organize Your Neighborhood" will be offered by the El Cerrito Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Team program March 18, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Hardling Clubhouse, 7115 C St.

"Disaster Communications" is on the agenda for Wednesday, April 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Tassajara Clubhouse, 2575 Tassajara Ave.

"Sheltering and Special Needs" will be held Thursday, April 22, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hardling Clubhouse.

All classes, intended for El Cerrito residents, are free. For information call 215-4450.

Caltrans exhibit

ALBANY — A pictorial display of Caltrans' proposed plans for soundwalls along I-80 are on exhibit in the foyer of city hall pending completion of a survey to determine residents' preferences of location and materials for the walls.

The walls to mitigate freeway noise in the neighborhoods are part of Caltrans' overall plan to reconfigure I-80 in Albany, add high occupancy lanes and rebuild the Buchanan Street overpass.

Help with home safety

ALBANY — The fire department will offer a free first aid class Sunday, March 14, from 1 to 5 p.m.

A free home safety class is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon April 25. A CPR class May 23, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., includes lunch; cost is \$20. The fire department's smoke detector installation program is ongoing. Cost is \$7 per detector. Waterheater strapping is free. Call 528-5771.

Energy conserved

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. says more than 600,000 residential customers reduced their bills while cutting pollution last year by using energy-efficient lighting, appliances and building techniques.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Richard A. Clarke said participating customers saved a total of \$75 million in energy costs in 1992. PG&E projects its energy-saving programs will prevent the emission of approximately 20 million tons of carbon dioxide by 2000. The programs also reduce the amount of natural gas and electricity the utility needs to produce and purchase for future demand.

PG&E spokesman Paul Ward said participating customers can save from 10 to 20 percent on the average residential bill, which ranges from \$80 to \$120 a month. In addition to residential customers, more than 3,000 commercial, 10,000 agricultural and 1,200 industrial customers participated in energy saving programs in 1992.

In all, customers are credited with saving 578 million kilowatt-hours of electricity and enough natural gas to serve 56,000 households for a

AC airs plan to trade buses for trolleys

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Abandoning its historic love affair with the smoke-emitting diesel engine, AC Transit aired plans for a new system of electric trolley-buses and streetcars in the East Bay before the city council in a pre-meeting presentation Monday night.

If implemented, the proposal will put electric trolleys and streetcars down the middle of San Pablo Avenue from Jack London Square in Oakland stopping at cities along the way, including Albany and El Cerrito, to the Hilltop Mall in Richmond.

Costs for the San Pablo line are estimated to be \$48.8 million for electric trolley buses, \$201.5 mil-

lion for electric trolley transitway and \$274.4 for light rail service.

The AC Transit board is confident "the money will be there," according to William H. Dietrich of DKS Associates, consultants for the project, who presented the case for the new so-called people-moving system to the council. Funds will come from the federal government and local matching funds, according to Dietrich.

Reminiscent of the old Key Route system of electric trains which ran on major East Bay routes and over the Bay Bridge to San Francisco until 1958, the new electric vehicles will cut down air pollution and move more people faster and cheaper through the main traffic corridors.

Citing the cheap operating costs of diesel buses, the old system was sold to a company owned by Standard Oil of California, General Motors, Mack Truck, Firestone Rubber and Phillips Petroleum who had exclusive contracts to supply the materials for the conversion from rail to bus.

After losing a federal antitrust suit in 1949, the companies sold their stock in the bus company.

In addition to the San Pablo Avenue line, AC Transit also proposes putting electric rail or trolley bus lines:

- On Telegraph Avenue from Jack London Square to the UC campus; \$136.1 million.
- From Oakland through the Posey Tube to Alameda and the Oakland Airport; \$24 million.
- On Foothill Boulevard-Bancroft Avenue in Oakland; \$251.1 million.

- From MacArthur BART to San Leandro; \$46.6 million.
- On East 14th Street and Mission Boulevard between Oakland and Hayward; \$286.8 million.

With the heavily travelled main trunk lines electrified, diesel buses will be modernized, fuel efficiency increased and will continue to serve feeder lines, according to Dietrich.

No changes are proposed for AC Transit transbay service.

Weather totals well-loved trees

Drought set up eugenias for root problems

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — The deluge of 1993, following six years of drought, has created a lush green spring in Albany; it has also caused trees to topple and brought extra sneezing for allergy sufferers around town.

Officials estimate six trees, mostly eucalyptus, fell on Albany Hill and 12 or so were blown over in parking strips around the city.

Of particular concern to residents was the peremptory removal by the city of two large eugenia trees in Memorial Park.

"It was quite a shock to the neighborhood," said Councilmember Robert Good, who lives on Portland across from the park. "Removal of the trees saved the city some money, but it was a foolish economy. They should have gotten a second opinion."

"It was a faux pas on Garcia's

part and politically unwise," Good said.

But according to longtime city park supervisor Larry Garcia, the trees were rotten at the core and a hazard to life and limb.

"We try to save trees whenever possible," Garcia said. "But the tree by the wading pool and the one by

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Tree crashes Jackson St. yard



Many miss Memorial Park's eugenia trees

Redevelopment nixes grocery chain request

Store wants 10-year guarantee; agency wants 7

By Dawn Frasieur

EL CERRITO — The city of El Cerrito may not get a new Smart & Final store, though the 122-year-old chain would love to include the city in its northern California expansion.

But the site picked by the company — the soon-to-be closed Discount Mart — is in Redevelopment Target Area 1, and the Redevelopment Agency could at any time condemn the entire 3.1 acre parcel, including the proposed Smart & Final store, to make way for a commercial redevelopment project.

Currently the site includes Discount Mart, the Freeway Motel, two gas stations and Knott Avenue west of San Pablo Avenue.

While Smart & Final management asked the agency to postpone action at the site for 10 years while it establishes its new business in El Cerrito, the board authorized only a seven-year waiting period at its March 1 meeting.

That may not be enough time, according to Matthew Heslin, Smart & Final's real estate manager.

"In our experience, seven years

is just not enough time to establish a substantial amount of good will in the area," Heslin said. "Ten years is much better. It would also allow us time to amortize our expenses. We can't do that in seven."

Heslin was at something of a loss to explain why the agency would not okay the company's request.

"We weren't asking for any money from the agency and were proposing about a million dollars worth of improvements," he said. "But for some reason they would only okay seven. Management is committed to moving into El Cerrito but only if it makes sense."

Redevelopment Agency chair Norma Jellison voted for the seven-year, no-condemnation offer but only after trying to convince other agency members to extend the time to 10 years. When she could not convince them, she later said, there was no point in voting against the plan. (Board member Norman La Force, who opposes the building of any new grocery stores in the city, did vote against it.)

Jellison believes that even if the redevelopment agency has the money to look at assemblage of property at the site in seven years, as it should if the redevelopment plan amendment is implemented, the time it takes to go through all the business of assemblage should add up to two or three more years

anyway.

She believes the agency could have offered 10 years of no-condemnation, realizing that it would be about that long before any redevelopment projects could take place at the site anyway.

But "it cuts both ways," she

said. "Smart & Final could think, 'By the time they do something, it could be 10 years away.'"

What complicates the matter for the company is its need to amortize financing for tenant improvement over a 10-year period, she said.

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By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Having swept up and thrown away over 30 tons of debris from residential streets in September, the public works department will do it again in Operation Spring Sweep during the weeks of March 22 and 29.

Sweep Zone 1, as designated by public works director Ron Lefler, includes the east and west sides of the streets west of the BART tracks along Masonic Avenue and Zone 2, those east of BART.

The east side of Zone 1 will be swept March 22, the west side March 24. The east side of Zone 2 will be swept March 23, the west side March 25. Both sides of Marin Avenue will be cleaned up March 26.

In addition to advertising the sweeping schedule on the local cable public information channel, flyers will be distributed to residents and no-parking notices placed along the streets.

In case of rain, or if a street is inadvertently overlooked, sweeping will be done on the corresponding day of the following week.

City plans clean sweep

By Phyllis Lyon

The north sides of all streets will be swept March 29 and all south sides March 30. San Pablo and Solano avenues will continue to be swept weekly.

A few short and cul de sac streets will be swept on both sides according to the following schedule: Hillside and Gateview, March 22; Tevlin and West Place, March 23; Taft, March 24; Terrace, Visalia, Calhoun, Clay and Beverly, March 29.

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Just get on with it

I WAS READING AN ARTICLE the other day in a magazine called *Ute Reader*, one of those sometimes wonderful, sometimes irrelevant publications from the "alternative press." In this case, a *Reader's Digest* for liberals: It is, by its own description, "... the best we can find from over 2,000 magazines, journals and newsletters." They don't say "best" as determined by whom, but who cares!

The particular article that caught my attention was one which discussed the debate among ecologists over whether or not there was productive reality in the slogan "Think Globally, Act Locally." The writer framed the debate as one between older, more conservative ecologists such as Wendell Berry, and those younger and more technologically aware, such as Alan AtKisson.

THE ESSENCE OF THE DEBATE centered on whether ecological problems of our planet were best solved from the top down (globally), or from the bottom up (locally); assuming of course that they can be solved at all. Berry, a noted agrarian writer, argued that the popular slogan was paralyzing, and prevents individuals from really identifying a problem they can solve. He believes that the problems of our environment must be tackled from the bottom up by everyone doing what s/he can — car pooling, water conservation, etc.

Activist AtKisson, on the other hand, believes that seeing the planet as a whole creates the context within which individuals can perform their specific tasks. He believes that the vision of our planet as given us by the astronauts, that of a fragile ball floating in an overwhelming amount of space, is an important image to help us understand the desperate need to preserve our earth. The author of the *Ute Reader* article, Jeremiah Creedon, concludes his brief piece with the feeling that, "We're damned if we do, and if we don't."

I SUGGEST THERE IS ANOTHER WAY we can be stalemated in this and many other areas, and that's if we do nothing at all. Hey! I enjoy a good philosophical debate as much as anyone does, possibly more. Debating and sharing views often help frame the issues, identify the holes in the



Fran David

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arguments, and offer a vehicle for others to learn and teach.

But so often the debate becomes the focal point rather than the issue and its solution. Those debating the points get caught up in winning the debate and neglect to develop the plan of action. If action does result, it frequently breaks into camps of followers or believers who start trying to convert others to "their way." They state adamantly that their way is best.

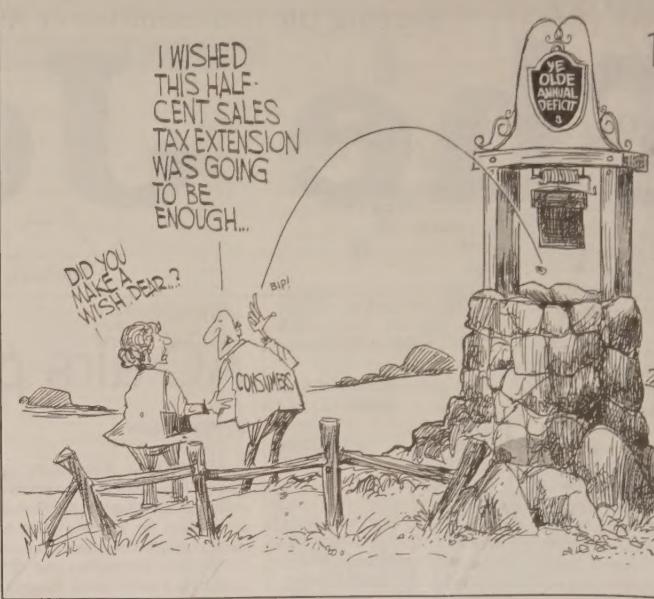
MY RESPONSE? As talk show host Jim Eason of KGO Radio says daily, "Do what you can..." If those that believe and think globally, and those that feel more comfortable with local focus, both act — just act — then we wouldn't have to worry who was right, because each would be doing what they could to further the single goal in which each professes to believe.

Does it matter if you fight the murder of whales with Greenpeace in the middle of the ocean and I recycle, car pool, conserve water, and try to preserve open space in my community? No, not really. Both actions are working toward preserving important elements of our fragile world. Certainly neither of us has the right to belittle the other because we have chosen different paths; because we are doing what we can in our own way with our own abilities and within the parameters of our individual lives.

Aren't we better off to recognize each other as soul mates and be happy that each is fighting the good fight? Shouldn't we be encouraging each other, cheering each other's victories and encouraging one another when we suffer a defeat in our respective battles? It's all the same war.

THIS SAME APPROACH applies to all that we do; and it certainly applies when trying to save a

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Police Reports

Women harassed in several Albany incidents

By Dawn Frasier

of West Place.

ALBANY — An Albany woman walking on San Pablo Avenue near Dartmouth at about 12:09 a.m. on March 4 reported that a man pulled over and told her to "get in" to his car in a threatening manner.

An Albany woman said she was walking on the BART path at about 12:14 p.m. on March 3 when a white male adult, about 28, six-foot-three, 150 pounds, with dirty blond shoulder-length stringy hair demanded her purse from her. She said the man appeared to be on drugs.

An Albany woman walking in the 400 block of Kains on the evening of March 7 reported that a man pulled over to ask her the time and was masturbating in his vehicle. The suspect was described as a white male, about 45 with dark hair and a full beard.

A resident of Santa Fe Avenue reported that two male suspects grabbed her purse and fled in a vehicle on the evening of March 6.

A Budweiser truck driver reported that as he was delivering beer to Safeway, two male suspects drove up to the truck. While one watched, a second loaded eight cases of beer and two cases of empty bottles into the suspect vehicle. When the driver returned, both suspects fled. One displayed a handgun; the second suspect — an Oakland resident — was later arrested.

In residential burglaries, several items were taken from a home in the 400 block of Kains on March 7. Two burglaries had been reported on March 2 — a camera, electronic equipment and a mountain bike were taken from a home in the 400 block of Nielson Street, while a VCR and music discs were taken from a residence in the 1000 block

• Arrests following stops for vehicle code violations included a Richmond man with three outstanding warrants — Concord PD for \$3,000, Oakland PD for \$811 and Alameda County Sheriff's Office for \$2,000 at San Pablo Avenue and Carlson on March 8 and a Richmond man with an \$811 Oakland PD warrant.

A Vallejo man detained by Golden Gate Fields security was found to have four outstanding warrants, one from the sheriff's office and three from the San Jose PD.

A vehicle window was reported smashed in the 900 block of Masonic on the afternoon of March 1, though a rock flying from a nearby lawnmower may have been responsible.

Vehicles windows were reported broken by vandals in the 1100 block of Masonic and the 700 block of Key Route Boulevard on March 4.

• An non-operational 1985 Honda Spre scooter was reported stolen from an apartment garage in the 800 block of Kains between Feb. 1 and March 1.

Also reported stolen were a 1988 Nissan pickup from the 900 block of Masonic and a 1974 Volvo from the 900 block of Castro (both reported March 4).

A 1977 Chevy Caprice reported stolen from the 1400 block of Marin on March 5 was later found by the CHP.

Someone attempted to steal a car in the 800 block of Pierce by prying the steering column. The attempt was aborted for unknown reasons. The incident occurred on March 7. The same day, someone reported a 1979 Cadillac Coupe de Ville stolen from the 800 block of Washington.

A 1976 Toyota, stolen from El

Cerrito, was found in the B

lot at 12:45 a.m. on March 6.

• Property thefts from vehicles were reported in the 800 block of Solano on March 5 (stereo taken), the 700 block of San Carlos on the night of March 4 (stereo taken), the 1000 block of Castro (miscellaneous items taken), the 600 block of Kains on March 5 (AM/FM stereo taken).

Cars were prowled in the 800 and 700 blocks of Pierce in early morning hours of March 5. No losses were reported.

In the 700 block of Adams on March 5, a steering column was reported broken. The car fled for an unknown reason after stealing the car and left a behind.

• A bike was taken from an apartment garage in the 400 block of Stannage between Feb. 26 and March 26. The cable was cut.

During the night of March 5, parts were taken from two bikes in the 700 block of Adams.

• An injury accident was reported at the Buchanan intersection. A Hercules man and a Richmond man were driving the vehicle involved.

No-injury accidents were reported at San Pablo Avenue and Washington on the morning of March 2 (Castro Valley man, Berkeley man driving); at Market and Ramona on the afternoon of March 4 (Berkeley man, Albany woman driving); and again on the afternoon of March 6 (Albany man, Berkeley woman driving); in the 400 block of Evelyn (Berkeley man, Albany woman driving); and in the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue south of Market on March 6 (El Cerrito man, Berkeley man).

• Recycling thefts were reported in the 1000 block of Cornell on March 6.

• An Oakland man was

Man reportedly brandishes Uzi during purse snatching

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — At Potrero Avenue and Lexington Feb. 15 at about 5:40 p.m., a man approached a woman, removed an Uzi from under her shirt, pointed it at her and demanded her purse. The suspect then fled in a vehicle with another suspect. The two suspects are described as black males between 17 and 20; both were wearing jeans and jackets.

• Someone broke into the American Cancer Society building during the night of Feb. 12 after breaking about six panes of glass. The burglar then forced entry into the office and took electronic equipment and miscellaneous items.

• On the evening of Feb. 13, someone entered a South 56th Street warehouse through an air duct. The alarm evidently scared off the burglar before anything was taken.

• Someone used a beer bottle to break a window and entered the Tropical Fish World during the night of Feb. 20. Loss unknown.

• Someone kicked open the doors to gain entry into Kray Cabling at about 4:40 a.m. on Feb. 19; nothing was reported stolen.

• Cash was taken from the Horizon Learning Center after someone broke into the daycare center during the night of Feb. 16.

• There were two arrests for prostitution for money on San Pablo Avenue. At 2:48 a.m. on Feb. 22, a Richmond woman was arrested at Burlingame Avenue. The next morning, at 2:59 a.m., a man was arrested at Stockton Avenue.

• Two San Pablo male juveniles were arrested for pecking and prowling in the 6500 block of Cutting Boulevard at 8:04 a.m. on Feb. 18.

• Two male suspects were successful in a common scam at the Lucky parking lot on San Pablo Avenue. Promising the victim \$200 worth of food stamps for \$50, the men did not return after obtaining the cash. The incident occurred on the afternoon of Feb. 16.

• An El Cerrito officer saw a suspect vehicle travelling westbound on the shoulder of I-80 at a high rate of speed. The suspects bailed out but were later taken into custody. The 1990 Dodge van they were driving had been reported stolen. The incident occurred on the afternoon of Feb. 15.

• A mailbox was reported pried open and the mail stolen in the 3400 block of Carlson on Feb. 27.

• There were several attempted residential burglaries. Someone broke the window of a large garage in the 5800 block of Barrett Avenue; evidently the victim's dogs scared off the would-be burglar.

The person who smashed the window of a residence in the 800 block of King Drive on the noon of Feb. 12 parked and stole a stolen vehicle in the driveway.

The same afternoon, someone attempted to kick open the door of a residence in the 8600 block of Don Carol Drive.

• In the 700 block of 10th Street, someone pried open the door of a home; cash, electronics and miscellaneous items were reported stolen. The incident occurred between 2 and 6:30 a.m. on Feb. 13.

A burglar in the 100 block of Pomona Avenue entered a locked door of the residence. The victim was in the back yard; the wallet was taken from a purse on the side; Emporium reported credit card was being used.

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Letters to the Editor

No debate

Editor:

There appeared on the front page of your Feb. 25 Journal an article regarding Cathie Kosei's program "Cross-Talk." The article was preceded, in very large print, by the heading "Cable show airs election issue debate." The show was aired on Thursday, Feb. 25 and Sunday, Feb. 28.

Perhaps my well-worn definition of a debate, "an argument or reasoning of persons of different opinions," is archaic and not shared by modern day school teachers.

Was there a debate? Certainly not! The show was a one-sided attempt to influence voters sans the participation of an opposing viewpoint.

The invited guests were two major participants in the campaign to pass the ballot measures, Gina Brusatori and William Commerford. No one of a different opinion was invited to participate. Cathie Kosei also entered into the discussion (not my dream of an ideal moderator) or, as nicely put in your article, "Kosei herself addressed the joint response issue."

Cathie Kosei's show certainly did not live up to its title, "Cross Talk." It was rather a case of opinionated host, plus two guests of the same persuasion who were, according to your article, "asked to address opposing measures." Most assuredly, the guests appearing on the show did address the "opposing measures" (through their eyes, of course).

Although denied the opportunity to participate, certain members of the El Cerrito Citizens' Alliance (the only group submitting arguments against the ballot measures) were discussed by name, as well as the possible make-up of the group. Good show, Cathie! You owe us equal, unopposed time when the next controversial issue arises.

Well, folks, now that you have read the story of the "fox guarding the henhouse," do you really feel that it is wise or appropriate for an elected City Council member with understandably biased opinions to host a show, via public access television, which deals with community issues?

Beverley Gent, Coordinator
El Cerrito Citizens Alliance

The right time and place

Editor:

I want to add a little to your front-page story of Feb. 25, concerning development of the Hill lumberyard site in Albany.

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) has established fair housing requirements which have the force of state law.

Here are the Hill site plans, compared to the ABAG requirements for the whole city by income groups:

	Low	Med	High	Total
ABAG:	38	18	30	86
Hill:	23	16	117	156

The Hill site plans conform to the old "inclusionary" rule in that about 15 percent of the units are low income.

But they are far from corresponding to ABAG requirements.

To the extent that the Hill site does not provide its share of the necessary low-cost housing, the rest of the city will have to make up the difference.

And this is reflected in the General Plan, which calls for reduced parking and higher-density housing all through the city, in order to achieve our low-income and senior housing goals. These things will adversely affect Albany's single-family home ambience in the future. The Hill site would be ideal for senior housing because of its proximity to El Cerrito Plaza and BART.

The four-acre Hill lumber site is one of the last, best building sites this city has left. And what we do here will set a precedent for future developers.

The price of the land is not yet set, but when it is, it will depend on what can be built there.

Now is the time, and this is the place, where we should say, "Housing projects with 10 or more units must contribute proportionally to the city's fair-share housing requirements."

It's just fair play.

Robert Good
Albany City Council

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Albany High science bowl victory means trip to Washington

By Bruce Downing

Science teams from all over the Bay Area gathered at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories for the third annual Department of Energy Science Bowl competition Saturday, Feb. 26.

Among the teams in attendance were the two-time champion Homestead High School from Cupertino, and two-time runner-up Albany High School. This year's final again matched these two teams, but this year the tables were turned and Albany was victorious in the double elimination tournament, going undefeated for the entire competition.

There were some tense moments, however. In the winner's final Albany needed to come from behind in the second half to beat a strong Crystal Springs team from Hillsborough. Again, in the tournament finals, Albany needed to make up a 40 point deficit in the second half against the powerhouse team Homestead.

It means six weeks of study and hard work, but the members of the team are prepared to give it all they've got.

Education committee OKs bill

Legislation to restructure the Richmond School District's \$30 million state debt and reduce the district's annual payments won unanimous approval in its first legislative test last week.

The Assembly Education Committee voted 12-0 to support Assembly Bill 535 by Assemblyman Tom Bates. Bates represents most of the financially troubled Contra Costa County school district in the California Assembly.

"I am delighted," said Bates after the vote. "Everyone wins with this bill; the state gets its loan repaid, the school district cuts its payments and Richmond school children can get back to the business of learning."

Similar legislation won easy legislative approval last year but was vetoed by Governor Pete Wilson. Starting last fall, Bates, Secretary of Education Maureen DeMarco and the Governor's Office worked together to develop the new legislation. A.B. 535 has the support of the Administration as well as the Richmond School District.

Under Assembly Bill 535:

- The state loans, \$9.5 million and \$19 million and interest will be

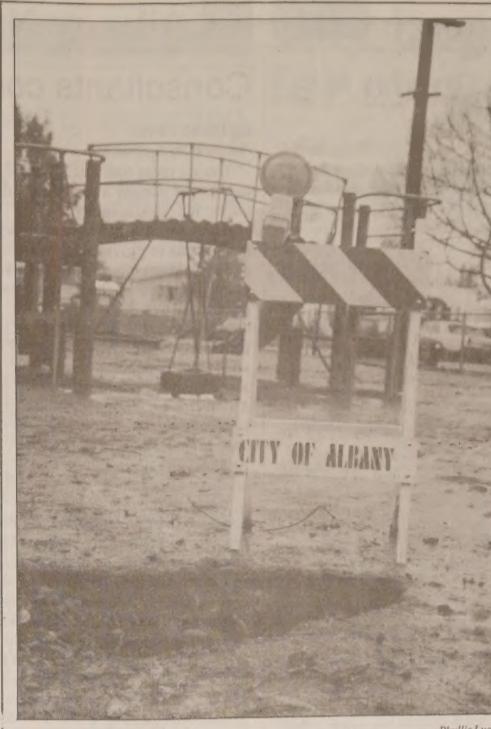
It all came down to the last question, "What do cycads, ginkgoes, and conifer have in common?" Ilkay Can of Albany buzzed in as time ran out and answered "They're all gymnosperms." —4 points Albany, and the championship.

Veteran Mike Wang and Ben Rudiak-Gould (captain) were elated with the results.

They have competed for Albany in all three years of the competition, only to be turned away by Homestead in the finals in both of the last two years.

The team is now preparing for the National Science Bowl championships to be held April 16-19 in Washington D.C. The questions at the nationals will be much more topical in nature and will require a more thorough knowledge of current issues and developments in sciences.

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Beginning next month

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• The interest rate on the loans, now 6.1 percent -8.5 percent, will drop to 4 percent.

• The loan repayment term will be extended from the current 7-10 years to 30 years — but will be paid off in 15 years.

• There will be no payments due for two years, and the annual loan payments will be substantially lower than the current level.

• The district will be allowed to sell surplus property and use the money toward paying off the loan. This will substantially reduce pressure on the RUSD general fund and could free up money to go for classrooms instead of debt service.

• The district will be eligible for approximately \$70 million in state funds for new construction and deferred maintenance under proposals pending before the State Allocation Board.

However, they will not be allowed to apply for additional new construction funds until the loan is paid off. They will be able to apply for additional deferred maintenance funds. The district currently needs \$130-150 million in deferred maintenance money.

At present an old school site is located on the property; much of the rest is open park space.

• We met with Jean Siri to brief

her on what's been happening with the land," said Bray.

"Since she's new on the board, we explained the process (we've been going through) since day one — including how the park district got involved."

Siri began her term on the park district board in January.

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Common sense may help thwart car thieves

By Dawn Frasier

No one's quite sure why, but motor vehicle thefts seem to be on the increase all over the area.

Kensington is usually pretty quiet. But at about 2:44 a.m. Tuesday morning, officers noticed a car travelling at a high rate of speed.

The driver turned off the car's lights and did not pull over when the patrol car's lights and siren were turned on.

After a short chase, the car struck a curb, damaging a tire; three occupants of the vehicle took off in different directions.

The car had been stolen out of San Pablo. One of the car's occupants, a San Pablo juvenile, was arrested and taken to juvenile hall.

The 1985 Toyota had been reported stolen on Monday.

In Albany, seven vehicles were stolen — or were the objects of attempted theft — in the last week.

In El Cerrito, 14 vehicles were

reported stolen, or were involved in attempted thefts, in the last couple of weeks of February and the first few days of March.

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revealed no consistency in makes or models being stolen, time of theft, or age of those suspects who have been caught.

"In the past, you'd find a couple of kids who'd been stealing two or three Toyotas a day. Now there's no pattern," he said.

Maples noted, for example, that a San Rafael group has been working import trucks and that several El Cerrito vehicles have been found stripped of parts in that area.

But that accounts for only a few of the reported thefts.

With no particular pattern to the crimes, it's best for everyone to take some precautions.

"The best that I can suggest is a visible deterrent, so when they look in the car, they see it will be harder to take than the car right next to it," said Maples, whose area of investigation is property thefts.

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Kensington, park district discuss school property

By Dawn Frasier

KENSINGTON — General manager Jim Bray and Kensington Community Service District board chair Larry Thal met Feb. 24 with East Bay Regional Park District representatives to discuss the future of Kensington's Richmond School District site.

The community would like to purchase the property in order to keep it as open space for recreational purposes.

At present an old school site is located on the property; much of the rest is open park space.

"We met with Jean Siri to brief

her on what's been happening with the land," said Bray.

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look into whether Measure AA funds could be used to remove the buildings.

The park representatives told Bray and Thal "They didn't think AA funds could be used for that," Bray said.

Gov. Pete Wilson is expected to sign a new version of Assemblyman Tom Bates' proposal to allow the sale of surplus RUSD property to pay off the district's debts.

The Kensington parcel is one of 16 surplus properties identified in the bill, which is expected to move through the legislature easily, since an earlier version passed last year.

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New chiropractic method comes to Solano Ave.

By Fern Luoma

Having studied and traveled world wide, Dr. Jan Bunker chose Solano Avenue to practice "network" chiropractic. Sharing his office at 1307 Solano Ave., with other chiropractors, Dr. Bunker is optimistic regarding visits from new "practice members" (he does not use the term "patients") in this area.

Network technique is a

works with removing interference to the expression of life in the body. He says by removing the interference from the nervous system, the healing and organizing power can work more fully.

One may not be able to receive network chiropractic. The body of life can work more effectively because the organizing power, the power of life, can be more expressed in the body.

As a healing facilitator Dr.

Bunker also works with relationships. He initiates and nurtures a process, however, it's one's own body that does the healing.

In treatment with a specific problem, Dr. Bunker makes very light contacts and the body then takes that contact information to free blockages in the innate intelligence in the body. Once there is more ease in the spinal cord, it becomes more flexible allowing high velocity osseous adjustments to be used but low depth to create a release.

Dr. Bunker is a cum laude psychology graduate from Marietta College, in Ohio, and studied for one year at Institute for European Studies, Vienna, Austria. He is also a certified Hellerwork practitioner from Hellerwork, Mt. Shasta and graduated magna cum laude from the Life Chiropractic College in San Lorenzo with his Doctor of Chiropractic. He taught English as a foreign language in Barcelona, Spain, was an addictions counselor in Baltimore, Hellerwork practitioner in San Francisco and Berkeley, and volunteered with numerous professional organizations in Vienna, San Francisco, Vancouver and Baltimore.

He and his wife of three years, Helen, share many extracurricular activities such as hiking, reading, scuba diving, cooking (he claims to be a very good cook), and both are interested in environmental issues. Dr. Bunker also plays volleyball and enjoys mountain bike riding. They pattern their lives around good health and ecology.

Dr. Jan Bunker

emotional patterns. "Then we are more able to recognize patterns when they do arise and disclose them," Dr. Bunker explained. "The network process helps each person reach a non-dominant pattern in which the body is able to shift gears as needed by the situation."

Networking is a combination of techniques, both low force as well as traditional structural adjustments. Networking frees the nervous system and frees the expression of innate intelligence through the nervous system.

According to Dr. Bunker, the inner healing power of the body

Birth announcement

John and Theresa Ribarchik of Albany announce the birth of their grandson, Tyler John Ribarchik, on Jan. 9, 1993. Tyler was born to Joan and George Ribarchik of Mt. Prospect, Ill. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George and Helen Bara of Aurora, Ill.

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Albany Newsline

Consultants contribute expertise to running city

By Daren Fields
Assistant City Administrator

During these times of financial belt-tightening, the City of Albany's use of consultants has come under increased scrutiny.

The City of Albany sometimes must rely on consultants to provide expertise in specialized areas and to help the city comply with state and federal mandates. Most of the types of tasks and services performed by consultants are paid for by gas tax funds, sewer's little general fund dollars are used as service fees, bond revenues, or state park grants. As little general fund dollars are used as possible.



Many of the city's consultants provide project engineering on capital projects and perform a variety of services in public works. These include building plan checks (\$19,000 so far this fiscal year), sewer discharge flow monitoring (\$2,500 this fiscal year), and traffic engineering services (\$3,500 this fiscal year).

Often a consultant is needed to provide specialized services that are beyond the expertise of existing staff. For example, a geotechnical firm has recently been retained to meet state requirements on groundwater testing at the old Albany landfill. This testing is mandatory before the site can be developed into a waterfront park. The cost is \$183,000 and is being paid for by state park grant funds.

Other areas where consultants are heavily utilized are in the Police department and the state funded Chief Operator grant program. The Police department uses consultants to perform services such as forensic investigations, pre-employment polygraph tests, and medical evaluations for assault cases.

So far this fiscal year the cost has amounted to over \$16,000. Using grant funds, a consultant has been hired at \$50,000 per year to coordinate health safety promotion and discourage teenage drinking and driving.

Under Alameda County requirements, the city had hired a registered nurse as a consultant at \$10,000 a year to perform quality control services for our Emergency Medical Services program. In addition, the city hired a consultant to assist the City Council, Planning Commission, and citizens put together the recently adopted General Plan, cost \$26,000.

By law, Albany is required to have an annual audit performed on its financial records and bookkeeping. This consultant contract cost \$26,000 per year.

In addition, the city has contracted with a law negotiating firm for \$8,310 per year. This firm represents the City Council in labor negotiations with the three employee organizations, all of whom also utilize professionals for either guidance or bargaining and/or actual negotiating.

The vast majority of city work is performed by city staff. In addition, out of a \$9.9 million operating budget, overall consultant are often a necessary and unavoidable part of doing business.

CC Chorale seeking additional singers

Preparation for Contra Costa Chorale's May concerts is underway at Hillside Community Church, 1422 Navalier, El Cerrito.

there is a day-long retreat for extra polishing.

The concerts are set for May 22 and 23.

The

chorale — whose members come from Albany, El Cerrito, Kensington and all points north and south of there — would welcome more voices. Rehearsals are Monday and alternate Wednesday evenings.

Director is Richard Kramer; the accompanist (piano and organ) is Robert Gurney; and as an added bonus, shortly before each concert

"Serenade to Music in Winter Forest" and Henry Purcell's "Zing 'Come Ye Sons of Art'" has some good solo parts.

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El Cerrito Newsline

Important facts about sensible motor oil recycling

By Lori Eattock

The heavy rains this year have created a problem here at the El Cerrito Recycling Center: water in the oil tank.

Just as oil does not belong in storm drains, streams, waterways, or oceans, oil and water should not be mixed in our oil tank or in the containers in which you store your used motor oil at home.

Some users of our used oil collection tank are not storing their oil properly in their homes and are allowing it to be contaminated with rain water. Do-it-yourself oil changes need to store their oil in containers (five gallons or smaller) which can be tightly covered or sealed; and not left in open buckets outdoors.

The Recycling Center contracts with Evergreen Environmental, an oil recycling company, to pump our tank. They will refuse to take our oil if it is contaminated with too much rain water, or they will charge us a disposal fee of \$1.85 per gallon for oily water.

Users of our oil tank are reminded that the tank is for used motor oil only. This does not include other automobile fluids such as brake fluids, gasoline, or antifreeze. Used motor oil can be recycled and completely reused when it is free of contamination (it cannot be mixed with other substances).

Contamination also includes other types of oil, such as the oil you fry your chicken in. The illegal dumping of these fluids into our tank can result in high disposal costs and may jeopardize the

used motor oil collection program.

Recycling motor oil is the only acceptable and legal method of disposal. The improper disposal of oil can contaminate soil and water supplies. Think of used motor oil as valuable resource. It can be refined for re-use as a lubricant or for use as fuel for ships and utilities.

The Recycling Center is interested in continuing to provide this service to the public but we need your help. When disposing of your used motor oil in our oil tank, make sure that it is only motor oil.

We can accept up to 20 gallons of motor oil per visit. By law the oil must be transported in closed containers of five gallons or less to decrease the chance of an accidental oil spill while en route.

We recommend that home auto mechanics use either the reusable oil collection pans for changing and storing oil, or transfer the oil to the containers the oil was purchased in rather than contaminating another container.

In the first week of April, construction will begin on a new used oil collection facility at the Recycling Center with funding provided through a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The plans include a larger, double-walled tank with more easily accessible pouring funnels.

It will be housed inside a concrete containment structure designed to capture any accidental spills in the unlikely event the tank leaks.

There will be an oil tree, a system to hold oil containers upside down to capture the last drop of oil.

The area will be sheltered from the rain to reduce the contamination of the oil from rain water.

During the month long construction period while our tank is temporarily out of commission, oil recyclers can either: 1) store their oil until our new tank is ready, 2) recycle their used motor oil at Kragen's Auto Works at 11299 San Pablo Ave., or 3) take their oil to the Berkeley Transfer Station at Second and Gilman streets.



City begins mapping strategy for storm drain replacement

By Dawn Frasleur

project statement or prospectus, as well as a debt retirement schedule.

Before the election, the cost of revenue bonds to reconstruct the system was estimated to amount to about \$58 per year for 20 years.

"We won't know exactly how much the residents will pay until that's done," Randall said Tuesday, adding that the \$58 figure estimated before the election was based on assumptions made about the repayment schedule.

The reconstruction project cost is estimated at \$6.3 million.

After the bond sale package is put together, the bond will then be sold to some financial institution — a bank, brokerage house, or (usually) a consortium of either. That sale follows competitive bidding by the institutions; the city will choose the one offering the best interest rate.

Pokorny estimated that the bond sale would take place in early summer and that the city would have money in hand "certainly by September and probably earlier." Construction bids might also be ready for award in about six months, he said.

Financial Services Manager Jim Randall is analyzing a variety of options.

First, he said, staff will need to determine whether to hire a financial adviser to work on preparing the bond for sale; that's a likely possibility, he said, adding that "it generally gives you a little more flexibility."

Making the decision and getting a financial adviser should take from 30 to 60 days, Randall estimated. After that, it might take about 90 days to put together the official

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL BE ISSUING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO ENGINEERING FIRMS FOR PLANS AND DRAWINGS FOR STORM DRAIN REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT.

THOUGH A CITY-WIDE STUDY IDENTI-

fied places in need of the work, the repairs and replacements were not designed at that time.

"The first stage is to design the actual improvements," said Patrick O'Keeffe, El Cerrito's community development manager.

Part of the request-for-proposals process involves deciding exactly what it is the city will end up doing in Phase I of the storm drain improvement project.

"In part what we're asking is for the firms to take what we have and see what we need to do," O'Keeffe said. It might be that the available finances will mean both a phased construction and phased engineering design process, he added.

Interested firms will take a 1992 engineering study commissioned by the city which identified 61 top priority problem areas, do additional field investigations at the sites, and determine exactly what needs to be done — "whether more or less or the same as we first thought," he said.

All the details need to be determined in those plans — whether to move the problem drain to a new location, for example, and what the actual design and level of the repair work will be.

O'Keeffe agreed that it will probably be a year from now before residents actually see the work going on. He said that the work would not be too disruptive, comparing it to recent sewer work on Fairmount Avenue. In that case, he said, repair work took place on about a 10-block stretch over several months. Each segment of the work which actually caused any detouring or disruption, however, was not a problem for more than a week or so.

When the project is completed in two to three years, Pokorny said the need for remaining work will be analyzed, adding that city staff will continue to keep an eye on how the whole system is functioning in order to pinpoint trouble spots.

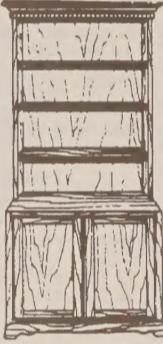
Pokorny also said the city was "under severe pressure" to do something about the storm drains, because of the number of lawsuits that have already resulted from drain problems.

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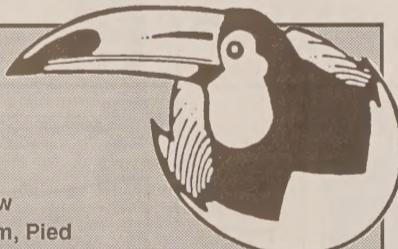
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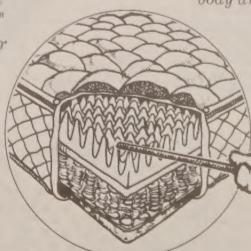
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AUSD Report

by Julie Winkelstein

The Albany Unified School District board met in the Cornell School cafeteria Feb. 23. Fifteen people were on hand to address the board.

The board briefly discussed Mary Mortimer, coordinator for the Career Center at Albany High School. Mortimer's position has been eliminated. Gary Tatmon, student representative to the board, David De Hart, president of the teacher's association, and another teacher spoke of their appreciation of her work.

Gary Tatmon gave a report on an AIDS assembly held at the high school.

He explained that his teacher had not signed up for it, and so unfortunately his class had been unable to attend. Puzzled, Boardmember Peggy Thomsen asked for clarification.

No one knew why only some of the students were able to attend, although, like many issues dealing with education, it seemed to have something to do with money. The Little Theatre at Albany High School holds only one-third of the student body, so for any program there must be three assemblies held. This can get expensive.

The assembly was organized by Ralph Cantor, counselor and teacher at the high school. When I called him, I got the rest of the story.

"I've sort of taken on AIDS education," he explained.

"I've been working on it for the past five years. The main thrust has been training peer AIDS educators. Last November we had a wonderful, powerful AIDS assembly. We showed a film called *Teen AIDS in Focus*, about three teens who died of AIDS. A mother of one of the boys came and did the assembly.

"Because of the size of the Little Theatre," Cantor said, "we have to do three assemblies to reach the

whole school. And for this one in November, we did the three assemblies."

I asked him about this latest one. "Well, doing these assemblies upsets the routine of the school, and the principal didn't want to do the whole thing."

"So, in December I talked to the faculty and then followed that with a letter to each of them, asking them to let me know if they wanted their class to attend. About a third of the teachers responded, and so it worked out really well — we just filled the auditorium. Not one seat was empty."

And how was it received?

"It was wonderful, very heavy. It was again about teenagers dying of AIDS. This was a new conservatory theatre of young actors, called the 'Inner Circle.' I had to book it about a year in advance."

And what about the kids that didn't get to go? Cantor felt all the students would have profited.

A look at MacGregor

Cantor is also a teacher at the continuation school in Albany, known as MacGregor High School. A status report on the pilot program there this year was next on the agenda.

MacGregor High School has been in existence for about 10 years. Until last fall it had served only 11th- and 12th-graders. But a pilot program was initiated at the beginning of the second quarter of this school year, expanding the current program to ninth- and 10th-graders.

MacGregor High School Principal Connie Hubbard, her secretary, a teacher, and two parents came to the meeting. The agenda said "Status Report," but their presentation was more like a testimonial.

With emotion they shared their thoughts on the school.

Their excitement and commitment was obvious. They stressed the importance of small classes and individual attention, two things hard to come by at a traditional public school these days. They expressed concern over the change of location, from the MacGregor School site to Albany High.

The parents were effusive in their praises for the school. As one parent said, "This school has made such a difference to my son, there has been a total turnaround. I've seen a change in the level of his vocabulary, level of discussion, his analytical skills have increased."

The other parent had seen changes in her child in just a few weeks. Both were grateful for the opportunity MacGregor High was giving their children.

Next on the agenda was a status report from the K-12 ESL teachers. Libby Heimbichner, assistant superintendent, said the review is complete and teachers will now set goals and choose materials. There has been one staff development day so far, and there will be two more this year.

Next on the agenda labeled: "Persons to Address the Board on Matters Not on the Agenda." This is the opportunity for parents, teachers, students and concerned community members to speak up.

There were still several people, all teachers, who hadn't said anything yet and this was the moment they had been anticipating.

First to speak was Elizabeth Dubravac, chairperson of the Albany High School English Department. In keeping with the theme of this meeting, money was the issue.

Dubravac referred to a letter sent to the Board by the English Department. This letter, signed by all the English teachers, begins "We in the English Department need to inform you of our budget plight and to ask your consideration for some form of financial relief."

She went on to explain that the English department had been allocated \$1,000 for this school year, and had exceeded that amount by October 1992. The department has been asked to expand their reading lists to include more multi-cultural and relevant books, but no extra funds have been provided for this purpose.

For the second time that evening, the School Board was hearing a plea from concerned teachers about the hardship of doing the job they believed in, without the money to back their efforts. They were asking for help.

Could they ask for money from each student? they wanted to know.

No, was the answer from the superintendent.

Could they require each student to buy their own book?

No.

What could they do? Supt. Dale Hudson said he would look over their budget with them to see what could be done.

The only other item that prompted much discussion was the first readings of BP4051, "Employee Smoking," and BP5522, "Tobacco."

BP4051 relates to personnel. It bans the use of tobacco products at all times on district property and in district vehicles.

BP5522 is for students and includes "Students shall not be allowed to smoke, chew, or possess tobacco or nicotine products on school property or during school hours..."

One concern about these policies was where personnel would go to smoke.

BP4051 states that "district employees are expected to serve as models for good health practices," but as one board member pointed out, "Students aren't stupid, they know where the teachers are going."

There were also questions about having a rule for students that wouldn't be enforceable, unless the behavior was blatant.

There will be future readings of these policies.

Lorenzo Lugasti and Sally Davis, director of the Children's Center, gave the final bleak financial news of the evening.

Going over the Center's budget, they vividly proved there is a

deficit and something needs to be done.

As Davis put it, "People are buying less childcare." She added that the Children's Center staff has some ideas for other ways of operating and three meetings have been scheduled.

With the audience down to 100 again, the superintendent gave his comment on his ongoing enrollment meetings with the principals.

Contra Costa child abuse statistics show increases

Statistics released last week by the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Contra Costa County show the number of reported child abuse cases has increased by 6.5 percent in the last two years.

The total number of cases reported in the county in 1992 was 14,341, which translates into roughly one report of child abuse or neglect every 36 minutes.

The most significant increase appeared in cases of physical abuse, which rose more than 31 percent over 1991.

Jennifer Summerton, the council's executive director, said the increase in physical abuse

Summerton said, however, reported cases are only "the tip of the iceberg" of actual cases.

Summerton also said that because of budget constraints, state guidelines for reporting child abuse have narrowed and based on the decrease in the number of case workers available to handle them.

Ironically, as the numbers of cases have increased steadily, and local funding to programs to prevent and treat child abuse has been dramatically cut, according to the council.

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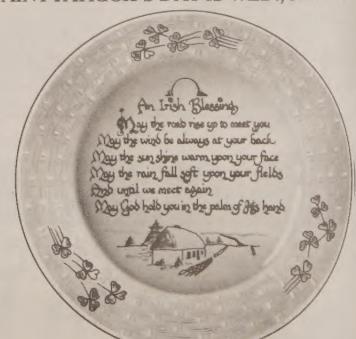
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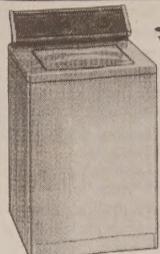
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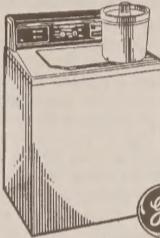
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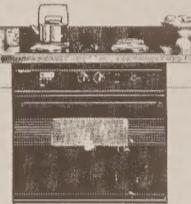


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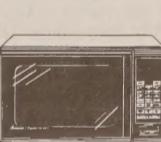


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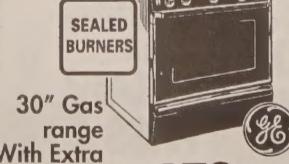
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Gala concert to mark UC's 125th birthday

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of the University of California, the University Symphony and Choruses performed a "Gala Concert" Saturday at Hertz Hall. With the exception of Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*, all of the pieces had associations with the UC Music Department.

The concert began with Professor Richard Felciano's *Responsory* for baritone and live electronics. Felciano uses the resources of the Center for New Music and Audio Technology.

The *Responsory* was sung by Professor Richard Crocker, a specialist in early Christian plainchant—a nice instance of technology recalling its roots.

Carefully cuing Crocker with his right hand, Felciano controlled the sound board with his left, and the results were wizardly. The singing acquired a cathedral atmosphere, timbre shifted, canons emerged, four voices resonated simultaneously.

The overall quality was gentle, even mystical. It was an enchanting collaboration, which proved that the silicon chip can be used to enhance the musical arts.

Charles Seeger was a UC professor who shook up his peers early in the century. The Berkeley fire of 1924, which destroyed most of his scores, might have influenced his decision to abandon composition. Later he shaped the world-renowned institute of ethnomusicology at UCLA.

The score of his 1913 Sonata for Violin and Piano survived the blaze, and Berkeley Symphony concertmaster Ron Erickson and Bay Area pianist Marvin Tartak teamed up to perform its second movement, "Dialogue."

While Seeger's curriculum may have been "radical," this example of his music was not, although its late Romantic character had sufficient chromaticism to rate it as contemporary for its day. Serene violin themes alternated with rich and dynamic piano passages. Erickson's strings sang sweetly, and Tartak played with robust confidence.

Victorian Scenes (revised 1993) was by Gordon Getty. His philanthropic services to the university were cited, and they probably accounted for the perfor-

mance of these *Scenes*, which were quite pretty but ignored every musical innovation since Mendelssohn.

John Butt expertly directed the University Chamber Chorus, which produced pure female sonorities and male tones that were solid and rich.

Randall Thompson, who taught at Berkeley in the 1930s, was "remembered for founding a choral tradition in the department." More's the pity.

His "best-known work," *Alleluia* (1940) was a total bore, crushing the excellence of the University Chorus' rendition under its lack of artistic worth.

An impressionistic gem, *Poem for String Quartet*, by Rebecca Clarke, was a welcome find from the UC Music Library. Though it borrowed some themes and rhythmic figures from Debussy's string quartet, there was plenty of originality in its sensuous melodies, which were tenderly performed.

Finally a contemporary piece consistent with the times was performed, by the University Symphony conducted by Jung-Ho Pak. It was the finale of Edwin Dugger's *Symphonic Dances No. I*, an excerpt from *Dojoji*, a ballet premiered this month by the UC Dance Theatre.

It was "drawn from the Noh drama," the music of which is delicate and graceful. This piece sounded best when it captured these elements. The wilder it got, the less attractive it became. Bursts, blasts and their repetitions, from the glockenspiel, brass, strings and bass drum, produced music that was sonically curious but ultimately an exercise in sound and fury.

Beethoven's Fantasy for Piano, Chorus and Orchestra was performed by the symphony, all choruses (including the Perfect Fifth Chamber Singers directed by Anthony Pasqua), and pianist Marvin Tartak.

Tartak was a powerhouse, and Pak conducted with alternately restrained precision and unbridled fire. The strings wanted strength in the quiet sections but were confident in the fortissimos. When the choruses entered, the effect was electrifying. The piece drew a standing ovation.

Carolyn Brandy's ancestral heartbeat

■ Saturday's "Skin Talk" is the culmination of a two-year journey.

By Charles Levin

"There are women all over the globe who are great drummers," says percussionist Carolyn Brandy.

"We need to have some sort of consciousness to bring this to the forefront. It's a great opportunity for (them) to bring their music to the community."

Passionate about her art, Brandy will do just that this Saturday at Calvin Simmons Auditorium when she takes part in "Skin Talk: Heartbeat of the Ancestors."

Presented in conjunction with Redwood Cultural Arts, this multi-cultural theatrical production featuring women drummers is not just another concert. For Brandy, it bears a personal stamp — her own story of reconnecting with a father she hadn't seen for 30 years.

Brandy grew up a military brat and lived in Florida, Texas, Maryland, Georgia and Germany until she was 10. Shortly after settling down at Fort Lewis in Lacey, Wash. (near Olympia), her parents split up, and she lost touch with her father.

A remarkable series of events seven years ago led her to him — he was living in Berkeley a few blocks from her.

She visited with him briefly but then let the connection languish for a few years.

Then last March she attended a poetry reading by Native American Joy Hargo. The intensely personal verse about Hargo's father rekindled strong feelings.

"I recognized my father in her. It made me really want my family," says Brandy, who renewed her relationship with her father after that.

Ultimately, the production, which had already been in progress, began to incorporate the entire reunion story and its significant emotional repercussions. Amid performances by solo drummers and larger ensembles, and poetry reading by Hargo, Brandy will retell the story in detail.

"Skin Talk" promises to resonate with the drums of many languages and feature a virtual

rainbow coalition of artists including Edwina Lee Tyler on the Senegalese djembe, Cuban percussionists Nydia Liberty Mata and Renaye Brown, and Middle Eastern specialists Susu Panpan and Daria Swartzchild.

In addition, the evening will feature jazz singer Faye Carol, harpist Ellen Uryevick, trap drummer Kelly Fasman, violinist India Cooke, keyboardists Susan Muscarella and Elizabeth Seja Min, and bassist Mark van Wageningen.

Saturday's program is the second "Skin Talk." Brandy originated the idea about four years ago when she attempted a similar presentation for the annual drum festival in Golden Gate Park.

Unfortunately, that effort, a collaboration with Isabel Yriogen of City Celebration, got rained out.

Nevertheless, they attempted the show again the following year at the Palace of Fine Arts. According to Brandy, what started out as a 15-minute idea became a 35-minute piece: "Skin Talk: An Ancestral Ballet of Women."

"After that it was my basic desire to find another outlet," says Brandy.

The opportunity presented itself when Redwood Cultural Work suggested she apply for a Rockefeller grant under their aegis to finance the production.

The 47-year-old Brandy's own musical path began when she started violin lessons at age 9. After playing avidly for 10 years, she stopped for a while and attended the University of Washington in Seattle to study liberal arts.

"I was trying to find myself," she says with a laugh.

But one day at Seattle's Pike Place Market she did find a group of conga drummers who captivated her.

Brandy began to play congas and study Cuban music. In a short time, she began gigging with local groups. In 1975, feeling the need for "a little guidance," she came to San Francisco to study Cuban percussion with Marcus Gordon. Liking the area enough to stay, she made the move a permanent one.

In 1976, she met vocalist Rhianon and started the all-



Carolyn Brandy performs Saturday as drummer and storyteller.

women's group Alive! as part of which she toured and recorded for 10 years.

A stint teaching at Cazadero Jazz Camp in Sonoma began 11 years ago and led to more contacts and more gigs. Since then she's racked up an impressive list of playing credits.

She was worked with pianists Mary Watkins, Ed Kelly and Ellen Hoffman, performed in the San Francisco Carnaval with Chalo Eduardo's Escola Nova de Samba and in regular gigs with the Oakland Youth Chorus and Vocal Motion.

She can also be heard on Suit of Armor, the newest disc from jazz trumpeter Rebecca Franks.

Besides percussion, the "Skin Talk" as well as her tenure in Alive! have allowed her to stretch her compositional voice.

All the music for the show four solos and a few large ensemble pieces, were at her music studio with intosh computer, drum machine and synthesizer.

Brandy says she will continue doing a "Skin Talk" every year or two if possible.

"It's been quite a process," she says.

"I've seen a metamorphosis of myself of having this side of family, my father, that I knew about."

"Skin Talk" is at the Calvin Simmons Theatre Saturday p.m. Tickets are \$14 to \$22.

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Word of mouth, Duskin said, has been the primary medium of advertising. He also said that last Saturday (March 6) the hotel received the coveted Preservation Award, presented by the Art Deco Society of California. The hotel has a lot of "flavor and history," Duskin said.

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Earl Scheelar's love affair with New Orleans jazz

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Berkeley musician Earl Scheelar says as much about Branford Whiting Houston, and as they know about him:ing.

and that's the way he likes it. would like it even better if it 1924 and he was sitting in some of the giants who created the New Orleans jazz he has d and played all his life.

was late 1950 when this young with several horns and a hot new into town to hear Lu Wye Buena Jazz Band play last month at Hambone Kelly's Cerrito.

now at 63, Scheelar has been a of the Bay Area traditional scene for over 40 years. The known kid has become a widely expected elder statesman of the trumpet and president of the 600-member New Orleans Jazz Club of Northern California.

Scheelar's arrival just as theers band, which launched the New Orleans Jazz revival in the '40s, broke up is emblematic the changing of the jazz guard. The older men retired or died, his generation rose through the ranks like their places.

Recording of Scheelar's Funky New Orleans Jazz Band currently for release on a CD. (Merry Takers Records) is one of the fine examples of older and younger workers working together to pro-

duce an original yet authentic New Orleans sound.

Here Bob Helm, an alumni of the Waters Band, plays the innovative and muscular clarinet and soprano sax which helped create the distinctive West Coast jazz sound. "Bob was at the peak of his musical powers," says Scheelar, who does not hand out kudos lightly.

Anchoring the band on bass is Peter Allen who played with Lu Waters in a Navy band during World War II and subsequently established himself as one of the finest string bass men in the area. Allen also contributes vocals with retain the charm of the '20s without sounding dated, something few besides Bing Crosby ever managed.

The trombone work is handled by Bay Area jazz icon Bill Bardin, who replaced Turk Murphy when he joined Waters in the Navy. Bardin girders the band with great bars of brass when not extending them into solos as elegant and inevitable as cathedral architecture.

Scheelar's driving ensembles and burning cornet solos are informed by his idols Freddie Keppard, Oscar Celestin, and Ed Allen, but he is his own man. His playing is a stunning demonstration of their almost lost art of bringing out the full beauty of the music primarily through phrasing, tone, and feeling.

Dick Oxtot, long a fixture of local jazz, plays his rock-solid banjo and vocalizes. And "Wonderful"

Don Marchant, one of the few drummers whose work Scheelar has ever liked, turns in his usual tasty performance.

The records were made at The New Orleans House on San Pablo Avenue in Berkeley. This was the former Natchez Trace restaurant which Scheelar bought and expanded into a jazz club in 1967.

"It was the wrong time and the wrong place for a jazz club with rock in the ascendancy," Scheelar says. He soon sold the business to old friend Kitty Griffin who turned it into a rock club. Earl's band returned only to record there in 1971 and 1972. Eleven sides were previously released on an LP which received little distribution in this country. Seven unissued tunes have been added to the new release.

After making these recordings, Scheelar's musical emphasis switched to the clarinet, although he continued to play cornet and banjo. On some jobs he performed on all three instruments, a feat few attempt. Currently he doubles on tuba, and occasionally plays a rootin', bootin' alto sax.

While leading his first band at the Albatross in Berkeley in the '60s, Scheelar even played a trombone when its owner was late for the start of a set. He didn't play it very well, but well enough to get the offender on stage in short order.

The trombone was, in fact, Scheelar's third instrument. The son of an old-time Oregon fiddler, he



Jazz musician Earl Scheelar's 1926 juke box won't be able to play his forthcoming CD

Dave Greer

had violin lessons when he was 7 years old. But his ear and "chops" were so good that he never learned to read music and never took lessons on other instruments.

As a teenager Scheelar was inspired by the Rainy City Jazz Band in Seattle, Wash., and began playing the banjo. He then moved to trombone and formed his own band. He subsequently played cornet and clarinet in the group which he describes as "pretty terrible."

Once in the Bay Area Scheelar jammed at parties and sat in with bands in small clubs and pizza parlors. "There were a lot of semi-professional guys around who all wanted to play but weren't very good," he says.

Scheelar's first real job was with Herb Bucks Gut Bucket Five, which played Larry Blake's basement in Berkeley and fraternity parties. Later in the '50s he played clarinet with cornetist Prank Goulette's Original Inferior Jazz Band in the raucous peanut and beer joints then popular.

Earl's warm, lyric clarinet was first recorded in 1986 while he was once again playing with the affable Goulette in his Monterey Bay Classic Jazz Band at the Dream Inn in Santa Cruz. (M.B.C. #384)

In 1991 Scheelar produced a record (Stomp Off #1228) of the late cornetist P.T. Stanton's Stone Age Jazz Band in which he played in the '70s. Here Scheelar's clarinet is a structural part of the ensemble rather than a mere ornament as many are today. And the like of his brooding, sinuous, low-register solos has not been heard since the great Johnny Dodds last recorded.

Currently Earl is tending the flickering flame of New Orleans jazz with his Zenith Jazz Band and its 10-piece parade version. These bands reflect Earl's firm belief that it is a jazz band's first duty to swing, and that inspiration should be derived strictly from the great black masters of the '20s.

"I usually don't like much recorded after 1924, maybe '27 or '28 for a few bands," he laughs. "My tastes may be pretty primitive, but I know what I like." High on the list of what he doesn't like are show-boating "Dixieland" bands which he feels vitiate both the music and public taste.

So serious is Scheelar about

preserving the original jazz that he has established the nonprofit New Orleans Jazz Education Foundation which gives scholarships to music students willing to teach it in public schools. He put up his own money, willed his musical instruments to the foundation, and seeks such donations from others.

Unlike the older generation of largely full time musicians, Scheelar always worked "day jobs." He apprenticed as an auto mechanic and then opened Earl's Auto Sales and Service in 1959 with his old friend Sam Blood. For 13 years the garage at Hearst and San Pablo Avenue in Berkeley was the scene of jam sessions which took fire in the afternoons and glowed into the morning hours.

Bay Area real estate provided Scheelar with a second successful career. He bought and fixed up houses and apartment buildings, teaching himself the necessary skills as he went along. "I just learn by doing things," he explains with the air of a man accustomed to cracking problems like walnuts.

Scheelar retired eight years ago and lives in Berkeley with his wife, Alice, three cats, a collection of instruments and music makers including a 1913 Nickelodeon, a 1926 juke box, and a player piano — for which he has about 1000 rolls — and enough tapes and records to put a serious strain on the foundation.

Now the kid with the hot lip who came here to play with revival groups often makes the pilgrimage to the source of the music in New Orleans. He and Alice live in one of the two apartment buildings they own in the French Quarter, and he sits in with local bands helping keep America's only original art form alive.

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Goings on About Town

Performances

Berkeley Rep presents Ibsen's "The Lady From the Sea." Preview March 12, 13, and 16 at 8 p.m.; March 14 at 7 p.m. Play opens Wednesday, March 17. \$19 (previews); \$31. 845-4700.

"Joint Movements," an Albany High Dance Club musical theater production, is at 8 p.m. March 12-13 at Albany High, 603 Key Route Blvd. \$5/\$3.

Harps International, a Canadian trio, will perform on a variety of harps on Friday, March 12 at 8 p.m. at New Places Gallery, 1597 Sausalito Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

Freight & Salvage tonight, March 11: David Rhee, Sourdough Slim; March 12: The House Jacks; March 13: Chris Grampa & Club Sandwich; March 14: Malre Ni Chathaslaigh & Chris Newman; March 17: Robin Williamson. Doors open 7:30 p.m.; Music 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11:11 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

Second Sunday Series presents David Parsons, organist, on March 14, 5 p.m. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

Richmond Art Center presents "Susan Rawcliffe & Friends" in a clay music performance on Friday, March 19, 8 p.m. Clay Instrument workshop Saturday, March 20, 1-4 p.m. 620-6772, 25th St. and Barrett Avenue.

Turkish Music with Yasha Friday, March 12, 8 p.m. \$12; Marc 14: Cuban music recital with Francisco Aguabella, Bob Cespedes and Judith Justiz, 7:30 p.m. \$5. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2555.

Berkeley Ballet Theater showcases works by Sally Streets and others Friday and Saturday, March 12-13 at 8 p.m. \$12/\$10 at Julie Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 84-JULIA.

"Rodgers & Hart A La Carte," a musical production directed by J. Kawarsky, will be presented First Unitarian Church, One Lawson Road, Kensington, March 12-13. Reserve seat, now by calling 525-6765.

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra plays Leclair's Orchestral Suite from Amadis de Gaulle, March 13, 8 p.m. Program repeats March 13 at 7:30 p.m. First Congregational Church, Dana and Duran, Berkeley. 8 p.m. \$19-\$27 (415)392-4400.

Junior Bach Festival gets underway Thursday, March 18, at First Congregational Church, Dana and Duran, Berkeley. 7:30 p.m. \$6/\$3. 531-1471.

Cal Performances welcomes Sam-Ang and the Aspara Ensemble on Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m.

March 13 at 8 p.m. at Zellerbach Hall, \$18/\$13/\$9. 642-9988 or fax 643-6707.

Bay Area Harp Society annual benefit "Folk Harps In Concert" is Friday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. \$12.

Hertz Hall Wednesday Noon concerts March 17: Michelle Alexander, piano, plays Rachmaninoff; Alexa Lietzow, violin and Margaret Wong, piano, play Messiaen. UC-Berkeley.

Francesco Trio performs chamber music Sunday, March 14 at 3 p.m. at Julia Morgan Center, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 848-7399.

Tea Spot Cafe March 11, 8 p.m.: Anna Lisa Smoker, Catha Cashman, Jo D'Anna. March 18: The Irrational and Alison Faith Levy, 2072 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 848-7376.

Ashkenaz for tonight, March 11: Dana Lyons, Lone Wolf Circles and the Gonzo Orchestra in an Earth First! benefit, 9 p.m., \$5-\$10; March 12: Wazobia (11:30 p.m.), Tropical Vibrations (9:30 p.m.); \$7; March 13: Rhythm & Steel and Jouyv, 9:30 p.m., \$7; Benefit for International Emergency Committee to Defend the Life of Abimael Guzman, 8:11 p.m., \$5-\$10; March 16: Los Piniks, 9 p.m., Tex Mex dance lesson, 8 p.m., \$5; March 17: Zydeco Flames, 9 p.m., dance lesson at 8 p.m. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

Kimball's East welcomes Nancy Wilson, March 16-21, 5800 Shellmound, Emeryville. 658-2555.

Oakland Youth Orchestra previews its concert tour to Germany, Austria, Poland and the Czech Republic on Sunday, March 14, 3 p.m. Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside, Oakland.

Dark political comedy, "Crimes in Hot Countries," plays weekend through March 27 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 7 p.m. Sundays. \$10.8. 549-0753.

University Dance Theatre's spring concert season—honoring the post-spring semester retirement of Professor David Wood—continues through March 13. Call 642-8276 for information.

Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. March 11: Slept On It, Paul Siegal Band; March 12: Hobo, Happy Going Nowhere, Slant 6; March 13: The Royal Nonesuch; Folk, March 14: The Claddagh Band; March 17: St. Patrick's Day celebration with Topsy House, Irish dance lessons and music Mondays beginning at 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays: darts at 8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays: darts at 8 p.m. 481-2028.

Subterranean Shakespeare performs

Hamlet at La Val's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley. Thursday through Sundays through March 27. Cabaret opens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner seating, performance at 7 p.m. Sunday shows at 1 p.m. \$8/\$6. 540-7743.

Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

California Writers Club will meet Saturday, March 20 at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Fred Setzerberg, author of "Literary Landscape," will speak. Social hour at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, lecture following. Reserve at 841-1217 or 527-3998.

Transportation Research Forum here's "What's New in Light Rail Vehicles?" on Wednesday, March 17. Mandarin Gardens Restaurant, (dinner program) beginning at 5:30 p.m. \$14/\$14. Reserve early: 272-2636.

"A Complete Approach to Mind/Body Health," a free introductory Transcendental Meditation lecture, will be held Wednesday, March 17, 2 and 8 p.m. 2716 Derby. 548-1144.

Archery lessons in the classic Old English style of drawing bow are taught by Michael Lang on weekends in Berkeley. Call 841-7749 for information.

International House observes Women's History Month with a panel discussion on "The Changing Role of Women in Africa" on Tuesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m. Free. 642-9460.

North Berkeley Senior Center — Health lecture on digestion March 16 at 1 p.m. with Grant Barish; blood pressure testing 9 a.m. to noon; March 17: St. Patrick's Day celebration includes dancing, skits and Irish music with Jermey Cohen, 1 p.m. 1901 Hearst. 644-6107.

Mini Pow Wow with drumming, dancing and speakers at Gathering Tribes. Call 523-9038 for information.

Rotary-Chabot Planetarium programs Friday and Saturday nights, 4:01 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 530-3480.

Self-defense classes will be held

Tuesdays through March from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the Downtown Berkeley YMCA. \$35 members/\$60 others. 848-YMCA.

"The Last Jews of Cochin: Jewish Identity in Hindu India," a book by Prof. Nathan Katz and Ellen Goldberg, is the topic of a slide-lecture Sunday, March 14, 2-4 p.m. at the Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. The authors will be on hand to sign their book.

67th Poets' Dinner will be March 13 at Spenger's in Berkeley. Reserve by sending a check for \$14 made out to Poets' Dinner to Richard Angilly, 1515 Poplar Ave., Richmond 94805. Choose chicken or snapper. \$14. Miles professor Mayhill Chandler will speak.

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Memorial Lecture presents Gen. John R. Galvin U.S. Army (Ret.) on "Architecture for Future Security" tonight, March 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sibley Auditorium, UC-Berkeley. Free.

Magic Gardens class March 13, 10 a.m.: Jeanne Bliss helps solve "Impossible Situations" for gardens. \$10. Reserve a place at 644-2351, 729 Heinz, Berkeley.

Cody's Books this week: tonight, March 11: Andrea Vaucher, *Muses From Chaos and Ash: AIDS, Artists and Art*; March 12: Peter Lynch, *Beating the Street*; March 15: Jeffrey Mason, *My Father's Guru: A Journey Through Spirituality and Disillusion*; March 16: Susana Valadez, *Huichol Indian Sacred Rituals*. All at 8 p.m. Poetry at Cody's March 17, 8 p.m.: Lawson Fusao Inada and Francisco X. Alarcon. \$2. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

Berkeley Hiking Club March 14: Ross Kennedy singing Irish melodies; Alice

Ramble, 8:30 a.m., Jim Compton (415) 453-4367; mini-hike: Berkeley Pathways, 9:30 a.m., Elizabeth Deane (848-6737).

Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival benefit from a sale, reading and performance at the Berkeley Store Gallery, March 12, 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$25. 2230-B Shattuck Ave. 549-3564-1520.

GAIA Bookstore: Tonight, March 11:

Fritjof Capra and Brother David Stendhal: "Belonging to the Universe: Explorations on the Frontiers of Science & Spirituality"; March 12: Jeremy Taylor: "Where People Fly and Water Runs Uphill: Using Dreams to Tap the Wisdom of the Unconscious"; March 18: Hal Stone and Sidra Stone: "Embracing Your Inner Critic: Turning Self Criticism into a Creative Asset." 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 548-4172.

Museum of Paleontology annual open house March 13-14 noon to 4 p.m. Earth Sciences Building, UC-Berkeley.

"Under the Gun: Democracy in Guatemala," second in an eight-part film and video series, will be shown March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at La Pena. 835-0810.

Nyingma Institute presents on March 14, 6 p.m.: "The Six Paramitas: Wisdom"; March 21: "The Experience of a Six-month Retreat"; March 28: "Mantras." 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. Free. 843-6812.

Health Careers Conference targeting minority high school and junior college minorities is Saturday, March 13 at Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center, 10 Tenth St., Oakland. Free (includes lunch for students.) Register ahead. 529-0791.

Berkeley Garden Club holds its annual Spring Tea and flower arrangement demonstration on Tuesday, March 16, 1 p.m. at Eworth Methodist Church. Reserve in advance at 524-4374.

Black Oak Books —tonight March 11:

Michael Palmer and Michael Davidson, Palmer/Davidson: *Poets and Critics Respond to the Poetry of Michael Palmer and Michael Davidson*; March 12: Carol Tavis, Ph.D., *The Pismear of Woman: Why Women Are Not the Better Sex, the Inferior Sex, or the Opposite Sex*; March 14: Susanna Valdez, *Huichol Indian Sacred Rituals*; March 15: Diane Middlebrook, *Anne Sexton: A Biography*; March 16: Victoria Nelson, *On Writer's Block: Removing the Barriers to Creativity*; March 17: Kay Mills, *This Little Light of Mine: The Life of Fannie Lou Hamer*. All at 7 p.m. 1391 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 486-0698.

"Economic Reform and Control of Journalism in China: Fifteen Years of Progress Without Change" is a lecture by journalist Zhang WeiGuo on Friday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in Room GPB 100, UC-Berkeley. Free; sponsored by China Forum. 644-3817.

Fern Propagation series continues March 14, 12:30-3 p.m. at UC Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, Berkeley. \$10/\$20. 642-3343.

New Places class: "Floating Squares" with Renee Offeman, Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 1587 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

For parents: Prof. Cecilia Cuesta-Velez will present a program in Spanish on the importance of reading to children on March 18, 7 p.m., at West Branch Library, 1125 University Ave. 644-6870.

Birthdays classes March 13, 1-3 p.m. "Newborn Care"; March 18, 7-9 p.m. "Pediatrics for Parents." 869-2797.

Turning Point Career Center offers "A Career as a Program Manager for a Non-Profit" on Tuesday, March 16, noon to 1 p.m. \$3. University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft, Berkeley. 848-6370.

Kensington Senior Center hosts Dick Kennedy singing Irish melodies; Alice

Aspinwall accompanies him on the piano. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146. Alliance Francaise, East Bay presents a lecture by Dr. Claude Deblauwe, SF State professor, on the French language in Belgium and Canada.

March 13, 2 p.m. at Plymouth Church, 777 Oakland Ave., Oakland. Free/\$3. 548-1520.

REI hosts Toby McLeod on "The Magic of Utah's Canyons" tonight, March 11, 7 p.m.; March 18: Greenbelt Alliance presents a multimedia show on "Go Greenbelt" a 470-mile Bay Area bicycle tour. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

"An Evening with Robert Fulghum" is scheduled for Friday, March 12, 7 p.m. at Newman Hall, 2700 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Sponsored by Star King School for the Ministry. 845-6232.

Rollerblade Demo Day is Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Waterfront Park, Berkeley, courtesy of Karin Cydley. 841-2181.

"The Myth of the Bad Mother," an open forum with author Jane Swigert, is March 18, 7:30 p.m. at Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, Berkeley. \$7. Free child care with reservation. 848-0237.

Alta Bates Medical Center Ongong older adult services: Blood pressure checks first and third Wednesdays from 1:20 p.m.; cholesterol checks, third Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; hearing checks, third Thursdays, 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Appointments necessary, a fee is charged); Foot and leg circulation screening, second Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. 204-4475.

UC Botanical Garden, Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley, presents Garden tours Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Dino Days garden tour daily through May 24. 528-3343.

La Leche League groups in South Berkeley meets 10 a.m. March 17, April 21 and May 19 at San Pablo Park Rec Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley. 849-4572.

Learn to ski with an REI trip to either Bear Valley, Royal Gorge or Tahoe Donner on March 13, \$50 for REI members, \$60 others; rentals \$40/\$50. Introduction to snow camping, hot skiing and backbow touring weekend trip is March 13-14, \$110. For information call Polly Bolling at 273-9886.

Skiers meet first and third Tuesdays in Oakland, Berkeley and Albany to socialize, share food and plan; weekend meetings 8:30/night at ski lodge near Squaw. For information call Ron, membership chair, Berkeley Ski Club, at (415) 868-2215.

Afraid of public speaking? Toastmasters can help. Thursday, noon to 1 p.m., 2151 Berkeley Way. 540-2477. C-2494.

Berkeley City Club: tours of its landmark building designed by architect Julia Morgan are the fourth Sunday of every month, noon to 4 p.m. \$15. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 848-7800.

Exhibits

"Ikat Weaving of Flores & Sumba, Indonesia" a benefit exhibit for the Flores women's weaving cooperative, is at Espresso Roma, 1548 Hopkins through April 1. 528-6080.

"Women of the World," a show of oil paintings by Gail Feazell, is at Cafe Ariel, 1600 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, through April 30. 528-4300.

"The Art Brut Connection" — An Exhibit of Insight Art including works by artists associated with La Reina Fabiola, a center for people with disabilities in Belgium, opens March 19 at National Institute of Art and Disabilities, 551 23rd St., Richmond.

Through May 7, 820-0290.

"East Bay Women Artists...Maturity" features paintings by 11 artists through March 21.

Graduate Theological Union selection of recent paintings by Burkhardt through April 23, 2420.

"A Sense of Place: Public Art and Proposals" is at the Richmond Center through March 21.

Walir Gallery presents "Spring Renewal," paintings, drawings, sculpture by varied artists through 1605 Solano Ave., Berkeley.

Phoebe Hearst Museum of Paleontology displays selections from recent collection in the entrance hall. Lowe Exhibit Hall. Beginning March 1, 1993, and Guatamala. 103 Krodel Ave., Berkeley.

African fertility dolls and zoographic images by artist Ode are on display at La Pena Whimsy, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

"Richmond USA" is an exhibition on the history of Richmond through 1993.

Performance on the history of Richmond through 1993.

Refractions presents "From Eden," photographs by Kyo Ei, through March 27.

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Quilts on the theme of quilt challenge exhibit at New Peoples Chamber Music, 527-5777.

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Unity

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community. So broaden the concept out: If you're working to preserve open space in our community and I'm trying to build the economic base so our neighbors can have jobs, aren't we in the same war, but on different fronts? Shouldn't we support each other and cheer the victories?

Oh, I know, I know. This isn't at all the same as the "Think Globally, Act Locally" debate framed earlier. After all, they are on the same side; they are both environmentalists. Oh, piles of excrement from a large, male bovine (i.e., phooey, rubbish, nonsense, and balderdash)!

Preserving open space and the quality of our environment, and providing jobs to support the quality of economic life in a community in which we both live and about which we both care, certainly shares the same goal: A better community for all of us, a healthy community in which to raise the next generation.

THE FLY IN THE OINTMENT may have more to do with ethics, motives and trust, than being on different sides. As an environmentalist, I'd rather team up with an honest, ethical developer (yes, Virginia, they do exist) with whom to tackle a community's problems, than a dishonest environmentalist with suspect motives. (Yes, they exist, too.)

Perhaps we should all start looking at the players on "the other side" a little differently. Maybe we should find the ones that share our goal, but not

necessarily our particular path; find the ones that share our ethics and motives, and get on with the battle.

Sure we're going to have disagreements, sometimes downright arguments, over limited resources and the sequencing of events. We're going to get angry at one another, and sometimes we're going to wrestle seriously over specific events. But if we do it all within the context of trust and mutual respect, recognize it as a common struggle toward the same goal, we'll come out on the other side a little closer to our goal and with our relationship intact.

THE BOTTOM LINE, as they say, then becomes each person doing what they can, respecting the paths taken by other soul mates in the same war, and jointly inching toward the common goal.

Why doesn't everyone in the war just get on with our respective battles, knowing that the skirmish going on in the next sector over isn't the enemy coming up fast on our flanks, but rather our soul mates moving forward on a different, but equally vital, front.

Fran David has been a participant in Bay Area government for over twenty years, and was one of the first graduates of CSU-Hayward to complete a course study in Urban Ecology. She is the president of EFD Associates, an Oakland firm providing consulting services to public agencies.

Smart & Final

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might not be good enough for a conservative institution to hear that redevelopment "might" take 10 years.

The bottom line, Jellison said, is "how important is the 10 years in writing, vs. the possibility of 10 years to the financial institution (Smart & Final will use to finance its investment)?"

The agency's offer of a seven-year hiatus on condemnation of the site now means the company's management must "take a harder look" at the plan, Heslin said.

Heslin didn't say the plan would be dropped but that it has now become problematic.

"We'd really like to open something there this year, but this has sent a loop into the works," he said.

By the end of March, Heslin thinks that the Smart & Final management will have determined what the continuing interest in the plan is.

In the meantime, he said, the company has been approached by parties in Richmond and San Pablo for development there. Though Smart & Final had been committed to El Cerrito "because its redevelopment plan makes sense," Heslin said, the offers from other cities will now be considered.

The company hopes to open seven or eight stores in the area this year and since the beginning of the year has opened stores in Redwood City, Berkeley and South San Francisco. In the works are stores in Concord, Dublin, Oakland (two) and San Francisco (two), he said.

El Cerrito redevelopment manager Gerry Raycraft described the store as "like a small Costco or Price Club," in that it offers retail merchandise at discount bulk rates. It offers predominantly food and small business-oriented products, he said.

According to Heslin, the store's merchandise is unique in its appeal to both business customers—mom-and-pop stores, restaurants or churches, for example—and to individual customers—something between a club and a regular grocery store, he said, Smart & Final

offers consistent quality merchandise (rather than product lines that change on each visit) and large-purchase possibilities of such items as janitorial supplies, paper products, groceries, freezer/deli items and beverages.

Established in 1871, the company is currently in an upward swing, he said, having nearly doubled its sales since 1984.

The \$1 million proposed investment would have been about half for exterior improvements—parking, facade, new doors, etc.—and about half for interior fixtures and equipment.

Should no one purchase the current Discount Mart property, the owner has said he plans to close up shop and leave the building vacant.

Smart & Final would not guarantee a taxable sales revenue for El Cerrito as high as had been provided by Discount Mart. It estimated, however, that taxable sales receipts would be \$2.2 million combined, if the current Discount Mart owner opens an adjacent tackle shop. (Smart & Final would lease 14,000 square feet of the existing 17,000 square foot building.) According to Heslin, Discount Mart currently generates \$2.6 in taxable sales.

Smart & Final would guarantee \$1.4 in taxable sales to the city and also noted that improvements should raise property values at the site.

According to a staff report, financial projections indicate that the agency would not be in a position to assist with site acquisition, relocation and possible toxic remediation costs for about seven years.

While a 10-year no-condemnation period might bind the agency's hands in seven years when projections indicate there will be enough capital to finance a project in the target area, the site may sit empty, generating no sales tax revenues for the city, should the Smart & Final deal fall through.



Buckle Up!

New York Times Magazine Crossword Puzzle

SOUND OUT THE SONGS

BETTY JORGENSEN/EDITED BY EUGENE T. MALESKA

ACROSS	67	Soak hemp	127	Road shoulder	11	Phooey!
1 Layer of tissue	68	Its bells jingle	128	Ice cold	12	Actress Markey
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scale, tiny, wing	84	Health club	154	Coer d'—	22	leather
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28 Flabbergast	86	Maxim	156	Soprano Farrell	24	in Arles?
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Girls take North Coast title

Last weekend's win adds up to four straight

By Peter Mentor

Berkeley girls won their fourth consecutive North Coast Section Division I basketball title in a 67-42 win over Pittsburg at James Logan High in Union City Saturday.

The Yellowjackets have won every NCS title of this decade starting with the 1989-90 season. This was Berkeley's sixth championship and it is the first time a girls' team has won four straight.

The Yellowjackets were rewarded with the No. 3 seed in the CIF/Reebok Northern California Division I playoffs this week. Berkeley (24-5) was scheduled to play No. 6 Nevada Union of Grass Valley (18-12) in Berkeley on Tuesday.

A win would send the Yellowjackets into the semifinals against either No. 2 Monte Vista of Cupertino (21-3) or No. 7 Pittsburg (18-11) at the Oakland Coliseum Arena today at 4.

Berkeley was placed behind No. 1 Franklin of Stockton (30-2) and Monte Vista as the seeding went purely by record. Franklin played host to No. 8 Milpitas (13-13) Tuesday, while No. 4 Fremont of Oakland (20-7) played No. 5 Balboa of San Francisco (14-14). The winners of those games play tonight at 7 in the Oakland Coliseum. The Division I finals are 6:30 Saturday night at the Coliseum.

Berkeley head coach Gene Nakamura was pleased with the seeding and his team's pairing with Nevada

Union in the first game.

"We played them before in NorCal and killed them," said Nakamura. "I like where we are."

Nakamura also liked playing Bay Valley Athletic League rival Pittsburg in the all-BVAL NCS finals. Berkeley beat Pittsburg twice during the regular season, in fact the Yellowjackets beat everyone in league twice after completing their third undefeated trip through the league in four years.

The NCS finals game Saturday was never close. Berkeley ran out to a 17-2 lead in the first quarter, taking away almost every possession from the Pirates with a one-one-one defense.

"We put Pitt out of their game early," said Nakamura. "We just swarmed them with full court man defense. We weren't pressing, just playing man-to-man, but we got a lot of forced turnovers. We put man pressure on and took them apart."

While the Pirates were turning the ball over, the Yellowjackets were coming down hard, playing around the perimeter and taking the ball inside.

Berkeley senior point guard Jennifer Tom did most of the damage on offense, scoring game-leading 18 points. Senior forward Amber Lacey added 11 points and 11 rebounds, while Bambi Bowling contributed seven points.

"They just don't have anybody who can defend

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BHS coach planning for next year's team play

He's proud they made semi-finals

By Peter Mentor

The opportunity to make the CIF/Reebok Northern California playoffs for the first time in years slipped through Berkeley's fingers in a 62-41 loss to Bishop O'Dowd in the North Coast Section Division I semifinal game at Cal State-Hayward Friday.

This was the last game in the first year at the helm for Berkeley head coach Jesse Gossett and despite the loss he was optimistic about the season and the future.

"It's my first year, we made it to the post-season and had 18 wins," said Gossett, summing up the season. "For my first year I feel pretty good. We've got a lot of good kids who are adapting to our program. We have eight guys leaving, but a lot are coming back."

Gossett said his returning players, plus some players up from junior varsity and the freshman team should fit into his system well.

"Skye Stargell is back, Cecil Stearns is back, point guard Doug Guiterez, he's going to help us a lot next year," said Gossett. "Up from JV is Charles Jackson and we've got a 6-4 freshman who will add a lot. Some of these players are new to me from the other levels. We have some players on campus who aren't playing."

Gossett is a school counselor on campus. His job is to make sure students are making the grade, so if he can find basketball players who can become eligible that is only a plus for his team.

"I'm the guy who gets them eligible," said Gossett. "It's going to be a great system, winning with class on the floor and off the floor. Academically we've got to pick it up."

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Kenyatta Rowe, in his final BHS game

Gauchos grow up: EC fields older team, plenty of pitchers

By Craig Wiens-Pinley

Why is El Cerrito varsity baseball coach Dennis Abel smiling? This spring, when the eighth-year coach's team tosses its hat into the ring for the Bay Valley Athletic League season, it will do so with a quartet of veteran pitching arms and seven returning starters.

The Gaucho youngsters of a year ago (11-13 overall) took their lumps in the pre-season, losing seven of their first eight contests.

However, a 9-5 BVAL mark and a league playoff berth proved beyond a doubt that the youngsters could stand up to tough competition.

How much did the team improve? For the season, El Cerrito hit .257; in the BVAL, the Gauchos hit .257.

"We grew up," said Abel of last season's rebound in league action. "We picked it up just before Easter and did well the rest of the season. Last year, we only knew we had one pitcher at the beginning of the

season and we were young and inexperienced. Now we're older and if we get to the point we were at the end of last year, we'll be okay."

Seniors dominate the El Cerrito roster, including three All-BVAL picks from '92. The middle of the diamond will have talent, with three-year varsity player Joe Pearce at shortstop and catcher Mike Hughes behind the plate. Both were All-League, the former hitting .411 in the league (.393 overall), the

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Jackets play Coliseum Friday after NorCal win

By Peter Mentor

Berkeley defeated Nevada Union of Grass Valley 51-42 in the CIF/Reebok Northern California opener at Berkeley Tuesday night to advance into the NorCal semifinals.

The Yellowjackets (25-5) play Friday at 4 p.m. at the Oakland Coliseum Arena against either Monte Vista or Pittsburg. A win would place Berkeley in the finals for the fourth time in four years.

Nevada Union led in the first quarter, but Berkeley gained the lead in the second quarter and made it through the rest of the game without much danger of losing it.

Berkeley head coach Gene Nakamura was happy with the win, but said his team did not play its best, especially on the mental end.

"We played good enough to

win," said Nakamura. "I wasn't happy with the way we played at the beginning of the game. We had a size advantage and I told them to go inside and they were taking perimeter shots."

Berkeley had a comfortable lead in the fourth quarter, but instead of sitting on the ball they took shots that allowed Nevada Union to get the ball back on offense.

"We almost let them back in the game, because we didn't use the clock well," said Nakamura. "We're making mental errors and that upsets me more than anything else. We're supposed to be a thinking team and we weren't thinking."

Not that Nevada Union (18-13) was any slouch.

They gave Berkeley a challenge and brought out some deficiencies Nakamura hopes to eliminate by the semifinals and finals.

didn't have good shot selection. But their defense was the key."

Early on, the Gauchos seemed ready to make a close game of it, scoring seven of the game's opening nine points. King started the game with a 17-foot jumper and, after Scott Krell tied the game for the Mustangs, Josh Myers canned a three-pointer and King connected from 18 feet to move the visitors out front.

However, junior guard Ryan Burchfield came off the bench to can a pair of three-point shots to kickstart the host team's offense. He finished with 14 points while Bob Myers paced the Mustangs with 19 points.

"I've been shooting with confidence lately and I feel good tonight," said Burchfield moments after the contest. "Coach (Jeff) Koury said to keep shooting, so I did. Burchfield, averaging eight points this season, made six-of-10 shots overall.

Burchfield's eight first-quarter points gave Monte Vista a 14-11 edge before the Mustang defense clamped down on El Cerrito's top

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Monte Vista defense routs Gaucho hopes

By Craig Wiens-Pinley

El Cerrito's high-powered offense has been a strength all during a 19-8 season which has exceeded boys high school basketball coach Chris Huber's wildest imaginations. Unfortunately, the Gaucho offense sputtered far too long last Tuesday at the North Coast Section Division II playoffs and the team's season went right with it at the hands of Monte Vista, a 75-52 victor on its home floor in Danville.

A swarm of interchangeable players for the host team made the Gauchos work for nearly every shot and a hot-shooting reserve added insult to injury with his best output in two months for the Mustangs (21-6), ranked among the East Bay's top teams all season.

"It's unfortunate that the game wasn't as close as I thought it would be," said Huber, after his team made just 18-of-64 field goals. "We broke down more offensively than we did on defense. We didn't handle their pressure really and we

Early season league all-star contest for fun

By Peter Mentor

The East Shore Athletic League took on the Bay Valley Athletic League in a showdown of track all-stars Saturday at St. Mary's High in Berkeley. It was a split decision in the battle of the leagues, but everyone decided it was a good idea.

The ESAL boys won their side of the competition 235-210, but the BVAL girls came out on top 263-202 to make everyone winners. The idea for the event came up last year when St. Mary's head coach Jay Lawson and Bishop O'Dowd head coach Tony Green were planning the North Coast Section regional meet. Carondelet head coach Helen Lehman was working on the BVAL regional meet and they held the two meets together, although scoring them separately, to slice the expense of officials.

The coaches thought it would be nice to compete in a combined meet between the two leagues during the regular season and they decided to have a meet at the start of this season. Saturday's first attempt at this concept went off well and it could be the start of a tradition.

"This was good," said Green after the meet. "I hope we get a chance to do this again next year."

St. Mary's boys' team and the Berkeley girls' team had some top finishes on the day to help their respective leagues to victories, although winning the events was

not the sole criterion for winning the overall meet. The top six places were counted in the overall score and depth meant a lot.

Boys' events

St. Mary's had some good finishes for this early in the season. Chris Loh and Jonevan Hornsby placed one-two in the 800-meter race at 2:01 and 2:02. Panthers runners Anthony Montgomery and Brandon Cuber placed first and third respectively in the high hurdles, Montgomery running a 16.6 and Cuber

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Berkeley soccer girls All-League

The Bay Valley Athletic League honored its top athletes last week and Berkeley seniors Demi Rhine and senior center midfielder Megan Stelmach were chosen as first team All-League players for their outstanding play in the girls' soccer this season.

Rhine, the Berkeley's stopper on the defense, and Stelmach, the Yellowjackets' center midfielder, helped the team to a second-place showing in the BVAL and pressed Berkeley into its first ever North Coast Section playoffs.

Berkeley freshman center full-back Kim Brown and junior halfback Anne Fletcher were named to the All-League second team, while junior right forward Jenny Berrien received an honorable mention.

Men's 3-on-3 tourney slated

The City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department is offering the first annual adult men's 3-on-3 Basketball Invitational on March 26 and 27 at the Albany High School Gymnasium.

The double elimination tournament will run from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The tournament is open to all "C" level players 18 years of age and older. The entry fee is \$117 for Albany resident teams and \$126 for non-resident teams. The department will begin accepting applications on Wednesday, March 3 on a first-come-first-served basis. Entry deadline is Friday, March 19 at 5 p.m.

There will be a maximum of 12 teams in the tournament.

Applications are available at the Albany Recreation and Community Services office located at 958 Masonic Ave., Albany 94706. For additional information contact Mike Wooley or Jim Pimental at 524-9283.

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gun Raymond King and company. King, a 16-point scorer this season, tallied 15 points last Tuesday, but made just four-of-18 shots. His teammates did little better, missing 22 of 26 shots during a 12-minute stretch as Monte Vista put the contest away.

While El Cerrito's offense sputtered, the hosts kept the pressure on offensively, gobbling up numerous offensive boards on the way to a 49-39 rebound advantage. Andy Fisher (nine points) had 12 rebounds while Myers added seven for Monte Vista. Josh Myers finished his career as a Gaucho with a 19-point, 12-rebound performance, both game highs. He and King were recently named to the 12-member All-Bay Valley Athletic League team.

Trailing 32-18 at halftime, El Cerrito made one last run, closing to within 35-25 at the 5:49 mark of the third period on a Maceo Tho-

mas basket. But the Mustangs scored eight straight points to ice the game. Even Myers' 12 fourth-quarter points couldn't keep the Gauchos within striking distance. Monte Vista made 15-of-17 second-half foul shots, including 13 straight, to turn the game into a blowout.

"I hate to end on a sour note, but overall I was pleased with our season," said Huber, who returns three of its starting five next winter. "My expectations at the beginning of the season weren't that high. I really thought that being as young as we were that we'd struggle a little bit. To win nine league games and get 19 wins was very good for us. We play in a tough league."

King led the Gauchos in scoring this season with a 16-point per game average. Myers, a forward, added 12 points per contest for El Cerrito, which placed in the upper echelon of the BVAL.

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crossing the line in 17.1. Gerald Wayfer placed second in the 300 intermediate hurdles at 42.4.

Marlon Monroe was second in the 400 at 50.6 behind O'Dowd's Colin Dean, who won in the winning time of 49.8.

In the sprints, Rod Branch won the 200-meter dash in 22.2 and finished third in the 100 dash at 10.9, while Doug Boyd placed third in the 200 at 23.2.

Ishan Warren won the shot put with a 51-0 heave and placed third in the discus at 135-0. Rah-mu Brown won the triple jump at 45-1 and Panther teammate Marcus Mitchell was second at 42-9. St. Mary's 400-meter relay team placed second in 44.0, while the Panther mile relay won in 3:27.

Girls events

Berkeley provided some big finishes for the victorious BVAL girls. Nicole Brooks had the best finishes

for the Yellowjackets, taking first in both the discus and shot. Brooks tossed the discus 118-7 and had a 39-4 heave in the shot.

Jenny Berrien placed second in the 100 hurdles in 16.0 and second in the 300 intermediate hurdles in 49.8. Saranya Wilson and Eleana Martys placed second and third in the 400, with Wilson delivering a 64.6 lap and Martys going 66.2. Martys also finished third in the 800 in 2:30.

The Berkeley mile relay team placed second at 4:28, a fair distance behind O'Dowd with a winning time of 4:03.

Not all the teams from both leagues were at the meet and some athletes either didn't compete or went out in races other than their specialties. The meet was more for fun than anything else and the bright skies and warm weather provided for that and some good early-season efforts.

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North Coast

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Jenny," said Nakamura of his star guard, who came back from injury this season. "We were spreading the offense and going to the hole."

Berkeley senior Tasha Henneman (4 points) was injured during the NCS playoffs and did not start. That forced Nakamura to move Bowling to guard with Tom and it helped shore up the defense.

"They are our two best defenders," said Nakamura.

Another surprise this season is 6-0 senior Adelicia Moseley in her first year at varsity basketball. Moseley went from nearly being cut at the beginning of the season to starting in the playoffs. Her biggest

asset to the team is her eight rebound average per game, although she did score five points in the championship game.

Moseley is starting at forward and that's really helped," said Nakamura. "She didn't even play last year. This is her first year as a varsity player. She really didn't have much of a chance of making the team, but when I was making cuts she was always around the ball."

"She's made a big improvement," he added. "If she had started two years ago she would be a Division I (college) candidate. The last two weeks she's been playing

good enough to be a starter."

Berkeley had a 20-point lead after three quarters, so Nakamura was able to play his entire bench.

The reserves, including some players up from the junior varsity and freshman teams, didn't miss a beat.

Freshman Tejuanya Tolbert and sophomore Ryaja Johnson and Maruwa Ngemezi were not expected to see any action, but they combined for eight points with Tolbert getting four of those.

"We played well," said Nakamura. "We played all 14 girls, which was a big plus. When we bring them up we tell them not to

expect any playing time." The Yellowjackets are higher ground now that they won NorCal in both 1990, capping off the latter with

Last year the Jackets in the NorCal finals to M snapping their two-year streak and denying them in a row to the state finals. This year Berkeley nothing better than a at a state championship, reach that goal, it would third trip to the state final four in this decade.

BHS boys

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Another factor is summer leagues. Gossett took over in August last year and was too late to get his players into the leagues that all the other top teams use. He questioned some coaches about this coming summer and was given a cold reception, so Berkeley may start its own league.

"I came in the end of July and it was difficult," said Gossett. "This year we're going to be involved in camps. We want to have Saturday leagues at Donahue (Gym). There won't be any idle time. It won't be our kids going up to O'Dowd to play."

Berkeley is also hoping to start its own Berkeley Shootout boys' basketball tournament during the season with teams like Dunbar High of Fort Worth, Texas, Crenshaw and Lynnwood.

The Bay Valley Athletic League will have two fewer games with El Cerrito moving to the East Shore Athletic League, so Gossett is looking into play more preseason games

if possible.

For this season, Berkeley finishes 18-8 and leaves the playoff race one win away from Northern California Division I appearance with eyes towards improving next year.

Looking back at Friday night, Gossett said his team was not ready to play a team on par with O'Dowd. The one point he stressed all season was defense and that was missing against the Dragons.

"We just didn't play really well," said Gossett. "We weren't ready to play. We just didn't play any defense. But the kids gave effort and I'm proud of them."

The Yellowjackets had plenty of emotion trying to extend their best season since 1978, but could not find the hoop or stop the Dragons from scoring in the first quarter.

O'Dowd went out to an 8-0 lead before Berkeley scored on a shot by Nathan Burks at 3:47 and Berkeley junior Sterns followed with a three-

pointer, but O'Dowd went on an 8-0 run to end the quarter up 16-5.

Berkeley senior Michael Lewis helped knock the lead down to eight with a jam and a hook shot among his nine points all scored in the second quarter, but Dragon senior Jamie Rachal went over a Berkeley player for a jump shot and O'Dowd junior Jim Green hit a three-pointer to stack the lead back up.

O'Dowd point guard Brian Hynes scored off a steal, hit two free throws, then canned a three-pointer to finish the first half with 11 points and a 32-18 O'Dowd lead.

Berkeley didn't give up, but the Yellowjackets were playing more as individuals than as a team.

Lewis opened the second half by stealing the ball and pulling up for a fine three-pointer, but O'Dowd scored 13 consecutive points in the next four minutes to put the game out of reach as the Dragons entered the final quarter ahead 50-31.

Berkeley held O'Dowd to 12 points in the fourth quarter, but the

Yellowjackets scored 11.

Berkeley senior Dennis Daniels had a good finish season. Daniels stole the ball while making a free throw. He missed the free throw but grabbed the rebound and few seconds later he stole the ball once more and teammate Zahari Tracy foring assist.

The lead was down to just under two minutes, but Lewis buried a three to start a 7-0 run to end the game.

Lewis led all Berkeley with nine points, Daniels with six, Hynes one with 22 points, including threes.

Eleven players from the Berkeley roster are leading the team, including Daniels, Tracy, Kenyatta Rowe, Leonora Tranier, Brown, Lewis, Walker, Clabon Adams, Mims and Sydney Ude. Nunez held Newark in a final frame for his initial win.

El Cerrito continues its season with an away contest tomorrow against '92 NCS entry Miramonte in Mountain View, the 3-0 Gauchos at Hogan High School and yesterday El Cerrito makeup game against Mountain View.

EC baseball

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latter not far behind at .326.

The rest of the infield isn't bad either. Transfer Danny Collins looks to be the leading candidate to play first base for the Gauchos after playing at St. Mary's last year. "I think he'll fill a void for us at the plate," commented Abel.

At second and third base will be Cory Baker and Jess Lucas respectively. Both saw extensive time last year, Baker batting .265 in BVAL play. The outfield looks solid too, with Jerry Nunez (left field) and D'Angelo Ross (center field) back as returning starters. Ross hit .325 in the league last spring. The third outfield slot is "wide open," according to Abel, with the basketball-playing Dirk Lacy (a varsity player in '92), Dennis White (a junior varsity performer a year ago) and first-year player Royce Rose the leading candidates for the job.

Oh yes, let's not forget the pitching staff. With ace hurler Kwanza Griggs just finishing basketball season with the NCS-playoff varsity team, Mike Scott, Paul McNally and Nunez started the season top three moundsmen for Abel. All have varsity experience, with Griggs the most impressive returnee with 46 strikeouts in 69 innings overall last season.

With Scott, McNally and the southpaw Nunez giving El Cerrito senior leadership along with Griggs (5-2 in league play last year), Abel has one of the best staffs in the area. Scott tossed 62 innings and won half of his eight decisions with a

2.66 E.R.A. while McNally (3.25 E.R.A. in 20 innings and Nunez giving El Cerrito quality depth in the rotation.

"I expect my top four pitchers to throw strikes and make people put the ball in play," said Abel, who will get the bulk of his staff's power pitching from the multi-talented Griggs. "They all have good control."

Last week, El Cerrito played a pair of crosstown rivals, the first a next door neighbor rivalry against visiting Albany March 9th. With Scott tossing four shutout innings and Pearce providing three hits and as many RBI, the Gauchos won 7-1.

Ross and Nunez combined for five runs scored and four stolen bases against the Cougars and El Cerrito tallied a pair of runs in each of the first two innings to forge an insurmountable lead.

Last Saturday, the Gauchos faced St. Mary's at Contra Costa Community College and won a 10-2 non-league contest. El Cerrito benefitted from five St. Mary's errors in the first two innings and took an early 7-0 advantage.

McNally and Scott made quick work of St. Mary's hitters Saturday, giving up just two hits. McNally tossed three scoreless innings for the win while Scott picked up his first save with four solid innings.

A day earlier, El Cerrito upended Newark 7-6 with three sixth-inning runs as Pearce had three hits. The

Gauchos led 4-0, but the losers scored six unanswered runs before El Cerrito managed its late-inning heroics.

Lewis was hit by a pitch to begin the sixth frame and after Ross singled and Nunez walked, Pearce delivered a two-run single to tie the contest at 6-all.

The Gauchos pushed across the game-winning tally on Todd Johnson's RBI groundout and

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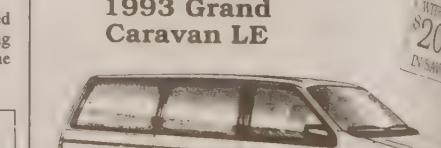
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East Bay Events This Week



Richard Chen See performs 'Shapeshifting' as the Bay Area Dance Series continues this weekend (see below).

Dancers focus on disability, storytelling

The Bay Area Dance Series continues this weekend with programs by three choreographers, **Richard Chen See**, **Neil Marcus** and **Robert Henry Johnson**. In two premieres, Richard Chen See explores the role of storyteller. "Storyteller" is three character studies (of a wild animal and two lovers) loosely woven together.

"Shapeshifting," based on a monologue written by Matthew Soyster, is about a dancer facing growing paralysis who learns to accept his immobility.

"The Art of Human Being," another premiere, is a work with words and choreography by writer, actor, dancer and activist Neil Marcus ("a classic spastic" with Dystonia), performed by Marcus, **Remy Char-Bon**, **Paul Cotton** and **John Ingle**.

Robert Henry Johnson premieres "Tight" (an excerpt from his full work "Bio") about the choreographer's search for the griot in his immediate community. In African societies, griot is a term used for the member in the community; the one who carries and passes on the community's history and legacies. Original music will be provided by hip-hop group **Midnight Voices**.

Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 to \$14, available by calling 889-9500 or at the door. Performances are at the Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St. (at Ninth St.), Oakland. Tickets are also available at BASS/TM outlets.

Berkeley Ballet in 'Peter and the Wolf'

The Kidshows Performing Arts Series for Children is sponsoring the **Berkeley Ballet Theatre** in two performances this Sunday. Excerpts from Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, woven into a program introduces children to the art of ballet. The 45-minute program has for kids to participate, dance and act as well as learn the history of the ballet. The program is also sponsored by Mervyn's and Target, division of the Dayton-Hudson Company.

Performances are Sunday at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$6; call 844-1444 for reservations or more information.

Rodgers and Hart à la Carte

This Friday and Saturday, the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley presents evenings of "gourmet dining and music" under the direction of **Skarsky**. The musical part of the evening is revue of 22 years of careers of Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart. Performers include **Tom Weller**, **Harvey Garn**, **Dan Gensemer**, **Jane Rateaver**, **Paula Storm** and **Edwin Barlow**, plus many others. There are also performances by the church choir. For reservations, call 525-6785. The church is at 1 Lawson Road, Kensington.

Level down the Volga at the Paramount

The Golden Gate Geographic Society presents *Mother Volga: A Voyage to Moscow* Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre, 5 Broadway, Oakland. For tickets or more information, call the Paramount box office at 465-6400.

Broadbent and Foster at the Maybeck

Jazz pianist **Alan Broadbent** is joined by saxophonist/flutist **Gary Foster** this Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Maybeck Recital Hall, 1537 Euclid, Berkeley. The concert will be recorded. Tickets are \$20. Call 848-1444 for reservations.



Linda Svendsen and Vilma Vitanza in 'Abuela,' one of the tales in 'Grandparents Tales,' being presented by the Westlake Senior Theater Company Saturday and Sunday this weekend and next at Westlake Junior High, 2629 Harrison Ave. in Berkeley. The playwright Linda Spector has adapted three stories from the United States and one from Vietnam for a multicultural cast ranging from 8 to 90; the performances include songs. Performances are at 2 p.m. March 13, 14, 20 and 21. Tickets are \$4 to \$8; call 844-4755 for reservations.

More events

Arts and crafts movement comes west

■ Designers rebelled against Victorian over-ornamentation.

By Carol Benet
Bay City News Service

The arts and crafts movement that began in mid-19th century England as a protest to Victorian excess has come back to the Oakland Museum in a splendid exhibit of 232 objects that illustrate its appeal.

Crafts

The museum, under the curatorship of Kenneth R. Trapp, is showcasing "The Arts and Crafts Movement in California: Living the Good Life." When it closes in Oakland, the show will travel to the Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery in Washington, D.C., and the Cincinnati Art Museum.

The movement was originally a reaction to the mid-Victorian manufacturing of accessories and furniture that were increasingly shoddy in workmanship and overly ornamented — partly due to the new-found ability to mass produce.

Writers and artists such as John Ruskin, William Morris and Dante Gabriel Rossetti joined forces to change the aesthetics of the everyday experience. Soon the movement became international.

The Oakland Museum picks up the story in California at the turn of the century when the same spirit of reform mingled with a turn toward nature as an inspiration for architecture and interior design.

Artists and craftsmen admired California poppies, redwoods and Torrey pines. They rediscovered the Spanish-Mexican mission design style, and some incorporated orientalism and medievalism in their works.

Furniture, book covers, lamps, tiles, pottery, tableware, desk items, screens and other objets d'art are organized according to geographical area within the state.

From the north, there is pottery from Arequipa, a former rest home near Fairfax for women who found that they could not cope with life's problems. There they were instructed in pottery making as a form of therapy. Frederick Hurten Rhead, a principal artist in the movement, was their teacher, and a display of his works dating from around 1912 is shown.

A chair by Margery Wheelock crafted for the Panama Pacific Exposition in 1915 was made while she was on the faculty of Oakland's California College of Arts and Crafts. The founder of CCAC, Frederick H. Meyer, produced an extraordinary "settle" in 1908 — a version of a modern-day hide-a-bed.

Surrounding the sitting area of the piece, Meyer fashioned drawers, shelves and cabinets that demonstrate one of the main



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tenets of the movement: usefulness.

Another aesthetic of the movement was that of "truth to material." Wood should look like wood; therefore the grain in the 1907 oak chest by Harold L. Doolittle and Louis B. Easton's 1906 bench should not be hidden. Instead the result is a certain roughness or naturalness.

The grain is also evident in the several pieces of furniture by architects Greene and Greene of Southern California whose Pasadena houses are renowned. Two pieces, a stunning 1909 dining room sideboard and 1907 breakfast table — both of fruit woods and ebony, inlaid with mother of pearl — are almost sumptuous in their simplicity and grace.

A massive chair from the Swedishborgian Church illustrates the large, durable mission style. A. Page Brown, designer, and Alexander J. Forbes, maker, created chairs to last forever. The San Francisco church itself was designed by Bernard Maybeck, another high priest of the movement.

Several pieces from the furniture shop of Lucia and Arthur Mathews are part of the show. Painted oils decorate desks and chests that bear intricate and often amusing details. One "Covered Box" (1929) in painted and gilded wood and an oriental inspired "Folding Screen" (1910-1915) by Lucia Mathews show the intricate floral design work that marks the movement.

Fantastic chairs and a screen designed and carved by Reginald Machell look as if they come from a different world. Machell was a student of Madame Blavatsky, the founder of the

See CRAFTS on page 16



Nacre- and silver-inlaid table by Greene and Greene (1907)



Earthenware lamp with copper-and-glass shade (1908-10)

'Ethan Frome': brooding classic not for kids

■ Edith Wharton's novel, much hated by students, makes a fine film.

By Renata Polt

During my teens, my family moved often enough that I was always just a year ahead of, or behind, the obligatory reading of *Ethan Frome*.

Consequently, I came to the new movie made from this most widely hated piece of American

Movies

literature with a completely clean slate. On the down side, I'm unable to make the usual comparisons of novel-into-film. But that's probably an advantage.

What struck me most forcibly on seeing *Ethan Frome* has nothing to do with the movie, nor with the 1911 Edith Wharton novel from which it is adapted, and everything to do with the misguided educational theories (or

ingrained habits) that were foisted on my generation of high school students.

Because *Ethan Frome* is anything but a teenager's book: Brooding and somber, dealing with guilt, obligation, and mature sexual passion and set in a time that even in my adolescence seemed as distant as the Bronze Age, the story can't possibly appeal to anyone who hasn't been around the track a few times. No wonder my schoolmates spoke of it with loathing.

But if you're an adult, you can bring enough experience to this film, directed by first-time feature director John Madden and written by first-time feature writer Richard Nelson, to appreciate its complex passions, not to mention the acting, lighting, cinematography, and all that other stuff that adults are supposed to appreciate in movies.

Ethan Frome has something of a *Masterpiece Theatre* gloss to it (it's actually an American Playhouse production), but so far as I'm concerned, that's not a slur.

The action begins as Reverend Smith (Tate Donovan), a young Bostonian of high idealism but somewhat callow understanding, arrives to take over the pulpit in Starkfield, a tiny Massachusetts community where everybody knows everything about everybody.

Attempting to raise the townspeople's charitable feelings toward Ethan Frome (Liam Neeson), a badly crippled recluse whom Smith hires to be his driver, the young pastor makes no headway. Until his landlady, Mrs. Hale (Katharine Houghton), fills him in on Frome's background.

The body of the film takes place in flashback, and although the story unrolls slowly and the plot devices are — well — vintage 1911, there's no letup in the tension.

In brief: Ethan, a farmer, marries Zeena (Joan Allen), a distant cousin who was summoned to care for his ill mother. As Zeena herself sinks deeper and deeper into illness — or, more likely, hypochondriasis — she summons her cousin, Mattie (Patricia Arquette), to run the household.

The vivacious Mattie, so different from dour Zeena, can't help but be drawn to Ethan, who has just about been frozen out by his wife and is looking for solace himself. Despite their best intentions, the two fall in love.

Their brief affair is as far from a casual fling as J.S. Bach is from MTV, and the somber New England landscape, where it's always winter, emphasizes its hopelessness.

But there's no lack of emotion and even sex: The desperately joyous sled-ride intended to mark their farewell is as sensual as any bedroom scene.

The film's ending returns us to the Reverend Smith. He has now learned all there is to know about Ethan Frome, but, like my high school classmates way back when, he still seems too inexperienced to "get it."

"Spring's coming," he says. I don't think so.

■ East Bay Events continued



Juni Dahr is 'The Lady From the Sea' at the Berkeley Rep (see below).

Ibsen's 'Lady From the Sea' at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre

Norwegian actress Juni Dahr takes the role of Ellida in Henrik Ibsen's *The Lady From the Sea*, opening Wednesday at the Berkeley Rep. The company's artistic director, Sharon Ott, directs this play that deals with a young woman "suffering from a mysterious anxiety against which she feels powerless." The play also draws heavily on Norwegian myth and folklore.

The play is performed Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7 p.m., with 2 p.m. matines most Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. It closes April 30. All performances are at 2025 Addison St. at Shattuck, Berkeley. Tickets are \$23 to \$31. Call 845-4700 for reservations or more information.

Philharmonia Baroque performs French music

Nicholas McGegan directs the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra in a program of French Baroque music Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant, in Berkeley. The program includes suites from Rameau's *Nais* and Lully's *Amadis*, "two of the greatest operas from the court of the French kings." Tickets cost \$19 to \$27 and can be charged by phone by calling (415) 392-4400. A few are available at the door.

Francesco Trio at the Morgan

The Francesco Trio plays a program consisting of Haydn's Trio in C Major, Hob. 27; Ravel's Trio in A Minor; Faure's Trio in D Minor; and Beethoven's Trio in E-Flat Major, Op. 70, No. 2, on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. For reservations, call 84-JULIA. The trio consists of pianist Nathan Schwartz, violin Miwako Watanabe and cellist Bonnie Hampton.

Slide lecture on 'Last Jews of Cochin'

Nathan Katz and Ellen Goldberg sign their new book *The Last Jews of Cochin: Jewish Identity in Hindu India* and present a slide lecture Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; phone: 549-6950.



The Canadian pianist Jon Kimura Parker, who has concertized around the world, plays a recital Friday at 8 p.m. at Mills College Concert Hall. The program consists of Chopin's 24 Preludes, and two sonatas and a Fantasia by Beethoven. Tickets are \$10 to \$15; call 430-2296 for reservations. The college is at 5000 MacArthur Blvd. in Oakland.

The plays are *The Winter's Tale*, *King John*, *As You Like It* and *Hamlet*.

drinking fete.

Scene two illustrated Frida's desire to be perfect in body for Rivera and included a lamentation for their miscarried child — seen through the eyes of Frida on an hallucinatory opium trip. The repeated use of an oversized syringe was fabulous.

In her drug-induced escape she finds comfort and love in Diego, as well as deep pain and anger from the loss of her child. In a stirring performance, mezzo-soprano Juanita Ulloa brilliantly captured perhaps the most vulnerable point in Frida's life.

However, in this brief selection, it was difficult to recognize the familiar magnetism and dynamics of Frida Kahlo.

Ulloa grandly demonstrated the physical and psychological dimensions of Kahlo. Despite her non-Tehuana costume, Ulloa was made up to resemble the artist, from her mustached upper lip to her continuous thick black eyebrow. Ulloa's voice was both vibrant and demonic as she encompassed the roller coaster of Kahlo's emotions.

The dual personality of Diego Rivera (performed by tenor Jorge Gomez) was explored. At times he tenderly comforts Frida with caresses and words of love. Then, in the second scene, he obsessively revelled in his painting and his bottle of wine.

Both his affection and his indifference toward Kahlo in these scenes effectively reveal the essence of their complex relationship. Gomez, despite his limited part, enlivened the performance with a voice of powerful intensity and the massiveness of his appearance.

Rounding out the performance, singing on and eerily off-stage, were two angels, performed by soprano Jane Ratteaver and bass-baritone John Rose. The angels weaved their way across the stage during Kahlo's periods of need and added harmonious grace to



Juanita Ulloa portrays Mexican painter Frida Kahlo

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On balance, though, after two powerful scenes, eagerly await the finished

Scenes from the life of Frida Kahlo

■ Two Berkeley artists focus a new opera on the stormy relationship of Kahlo and Diego Rivera.

By Andrea Palmieri

On Feb. 12, Brava! for Women in the Arts presented scenes from *Frida and Her Diego*, an opera-in-progress by two Berkeley-based artists. The subject is the painter Frida Kahlo and her relationship with her husband, painter and muralist Diego Rivera.

Opera

The San Francisco performance provoked a wide variety of reactions in an audience that ranged from patrons of the San Francisco Opera to teenagers who have never been exposed to opera.

Deviating from the norm of other performances in Brava's Taking Shape Series, the premiere of scenes from Act III of *Frida*, by composer Skye Atman and librettist Judy Jones, caught the audience a bit off-guard and even evoked a few teenage giggles.

A key factor in the audience's misinterpretation was the size of the Brava Studio Theater. The ambience was just not suitable for the scope of this production. The volume of the singers' voices and the intensity of their gestures seemed to leap out and startle the 50 or so crammed into this cozy theater.

If you could distance yourself from the dramatic exaggerations taking place on the minuscule stage and place yourself in the balcony of the War Memorial Opera House, then the piece worked.

Audience and stage dimensions aside, *Frida and Her Diego* had much to admire. A meditation on pain and loss, the 17-1/2 minute compilation is rich in drama. Set in Kahlo's studio, the first scene displayed an orgy-like

Shakespeare Festival lineup

The California Shakespeare Festival will present four Shakespeare plays in its 1993 season, which runs between June 18 and Aug. 26 at the Bruns Amphitheatre, in Orinda.

The plays are *The Winter's Tale*, *King John*, *As You Like It* and *Hamlet*.

The plays run in alternating repertory Wednesdays through Sundays. New this year are budget performances on Tuesdays. The festival also presents chamber music concerts on Sunday mornings.

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the performance.

Although it was confusing to take these two heavy-duty scenes out of context, the music was both powerful and beautiful. Pianist-composer Skye Atman's skillful arrangement of moving melodic anger and flowing dance music exemplified great skill and command of her medium. A dedicated composer of theatrical music, Atman's repertoire

includes a children's opera.

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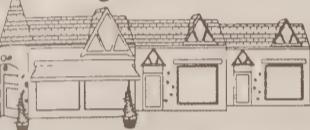
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WORD OF MOUTH

By John McNulty

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Aiming this week for "bi-coastal" openings is Denim & Diamonds, "a lot of country with a little rock 'n' roll" when new sites in New York City (1700 square feet) and Alameda's Marina Square (1100 square feet) are scheduled to open simultaneously Thursday March 11. These are first class dance places in upscale surroundings. Achy breaks anyone?

For the last few months The Reef's (1000 Embarcadero, near 5th Ave. exit from 880, Oakland; parking: 836-2519) owner Ed Ferreria has been treating tables of his customers to a chance at a winning



Cafe Select

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Asmara Restaurant (5020 Telegraph Ave. near 51st, Oakland; 547-5100), home of authentic Ethiopian cooking, features a dish named Doro Watt (a hot, spicy chicken cooked to a tenderness in berbere sauce, and served with hard boiled egg). Give it a try at lunch or dinner. Asmara is a spacious and clean restaurant with bar.

WoM mentioned in last week's column that our great local jazz tenor player Vince Wallace plays Friday evenings at Via Veneto (5356 College Ave. Oakland, between BART and Broadway; 652-8540). They feature German music on Saturdays. Via Veneto

ticket. Just visit there for a fine meal, be it French in nature, one of the many seafood dishes or a prize-winning Thai selection. Take a table just a few feet from the water.

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The other night Chef Lucien Vigney was serving his Soupe du Jour: White Bean and Vegetable. His specialties were Scallions with Capers and Lemon, Sauteed Sea Bass with Tarragon Tomato Butter Blanc, New York Steak with Roquefort Sauce and Chicken Souvlaki. All this took place in the comfortable environs of Gold Coast Grill (1901 Park St., Alameda, across from Ron Goode Toyota; parking: 522-5388).

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204 Giveaway

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205 Lost & Found

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\$650 SUNNY 1 bedroom, large, includes parking, near shopping, transportation, secured building, laundry room. 428-4913

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Boomers will continue to fuel housing sales, study says

Age won't stop them from buying more homes

of the University of Southern California. It found that as the baby boom population grows older, people in that age group will continue to buy homes, resulting in steady sales and stable home values through the next decade.

The study refutes reports predicting that home purchases by baby boomers will taper off as the generation grows older, thus forcing real home prices to decline.

According to NAR president William Chee, as baby boomers grow older, their housing needs continue to change, causing an actual increase in housing demand and in home prices.

"Baby boomers will not stop

buying homes just because they are growing older," Chee said. "There will be an ongoing need to meet vastly diverse housing requirements — for affluent trade-up couples, baby boomers approaching retirement, and growing numbers of non-traditional households. We are looking for many years of steady growth in the residential sector."

The report contends that shifts in population composition, not just population growth, often drive change in housing demand. "Rapid population change may alter both the consumption preferences and the effective demand of the total population," the study says.

The report evaluates the housing consumption of cohorts —

people who are born in certain time periods and then move through age groups as they grow older. The study notes that measures of life cycle changes in housing demand, derived by tracking generations of Americans over

a 30-year time span, provide a sound basis for forecasting future activity.

It tracked the home buying patterns of the same group over different periods of time, and found that, regardless of age, home ex-

penditures increased at the end of each time period.

"At least since 1960, per capita housing consumption has, on average, increased for all cohorts in the United States as they have aged beyond 45 to at least 70," Dr. Myers said.

Based on the performance of their predecessors, cohorts in the baby boom generation will continue to create activity in housing markets for years to come.

"The importance of this finding is its implication for the future impact on the housing market of the large baby boom generation. This group has matured from the young ages when they newly entered the housing market (aged 16 to 34 in

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The decline, the eighth in nine weeks, is drawing buyers into the

housing market and encouraging refinancing by homeowners who did not get a chance to refinance earlier.

"Rates have been coming down pretty quickly, and applications for both refinancing and purchases have responded pretty dramatically," said David Lereah, econ-

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new on the market. This enables agents to send prospective buyers through. Buyers who have already seen the house can come back through for a second time and bring friends or relatives without disturbing anyone.

Yes, your neighbors will probably come through your house if you have an open house. But, is that so bad? Sometimes neighbors know friends who are interested in moving into the neighborhood.

Mistake #7

Refusing to have a "For Sale" sign. Sellers often don't want a "For Sale" sign, but real estate agents almost always do want one. Why? Because a real estate sign is one of the best forms of advertising homes for sale.

Prospective buyers drive neighborhoods where they want to live, looking for homes for sale. A sign call is usually from someone who already likes the look and location of the house. If the size and price are right, you just might have a real buyer prospect.

Contrast this with a print ad. The ad caller knows much less about the property and is, therefore,

fore, a less likely prospect to buy it. If you're worried about being disturbed, ask your agent to attach a "Do Not Disturb Occupant" rider to the real estate sign.

Mistake #8

Waiting too long to reduce an over-priced listing. The best time to reduce the price of your home, if you get feedback that it's priced too high for the market, is immediately. Your house is most marketable when it's new on the market.

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1980), and is proceeding to a mature housing market status (reaching age 44 in 1990, age 54 in 2000, and age 64 in 2010)," the report says.

The study projects that per capita housing consumption for the oldest members of the baby boom generation will not even start to fall off until after 2015 (when they reach 70).

According to NAR chief economist John Tuccillo, the research counters "doomsday" reports claiming home values will drop due to the smaller size of the generation following the baby boom group. Such dire predictions are too simplistic, and fail to consider

the continuing impact the baby boom generation will have, Tuccillo said.

"As the leading edge of the baby boom generation moves through its peak earning years, demand will pick up for second homes and retirement homes," Tuccillo said. Additionally, some baby boomers previously unable to purchase homes will be buying, he said.

Increased savings by baby

boomers, combined with a large Social Security trust fund, what likely will be a small general deficit, will keep interest rates low over the next several years," Tuccillo said.

The report concludes the long-lasting impact of baby boomers will offset any decline in young households entering the housing market. "The baby generation will have a positive effect on future values," the document says.

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6024 BROADWAY, Rockridge. Delightful country English, 3BD, 2BA, extra kitchen. Many extras - must see! Alice Erickson 655-7942

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4309 WHITTLE, Dimond. New listing! Fantastic contemporary in lovely setting. Light, airy 3BD, 2BA, sunroom. Perfect condition. Sandi/Dick 339-1117

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omist with the Mortgage Bankers Association of America.

Mortgage rates declined through much of last year, hitting 7.84 percent during the week that ended Sept. 11. As financial market traders grew nervous about the prospect of Democrat Bill Clinton winning the presidency, rates started climbing.

They hit 8.34 percent during the week that ended Dec. 4, but they've been falling since then as traders have come to believe the new administration is serious about reforming the health care system and reducing the budget deficit.

Lereah and other economists believe rates could edge still lower during the first half of this year, and, in any case, they do not foresee a dramatic increase.

"The fundamentals point to lower long-term interest rates," said economist James Christian. "How much, I don't know, but it would not astound me to see mortgage rates in the low sevens before this year is over."

He cited as factors bringing rates down: Low U.S. inflation now and for the foreseeable future, and economic troubles abroad which should bring German rates

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If you let your house sit on the market over-priced for months, you may have a difficult time regaining enthusiasm about it when you finally do lower the price. There tends to be an adverse relationship between the time a home is for sale and the ultimate selling price. Generally, the longer a house is on the market, the lower its ultimate selling price.

The homes that sell for the most are priced competitively to begin with. Ask your agent to give you feedback about the list price of your home after he or she brings other agents from the real estate office through your home. If the feedback is that your list price is over 5 percent above the expected

selling price, reduce it right away to within 5 percent of the expected selling price.

Mistake #9

Refusing to counter the offer because the price is low. Anyone who takes the time to sit down and write an offer is probably a serious buyer. There are, after all, more enjoyable ways to spend one's free time than writing frivolous offers.

If the person is also financially qualified, you have the necessary ingredients for a sale. All you have to do is agree on the price. It's best to counter any offer from a qualified buyer. Just because someone makes a low initial offer doesn't mean that person won't negotiate a

price that's acceptable to you.

It's a buyer's market, so you can't fault a buyer for trying to buy a home for the best possible price. Put yourself in the buyer's shoes. To arrive at an agreeable price with a buyer who makes a very low offer, you might have to

Buying a new home before selling the old one. Not only can buying first lead to over-pricing your home when you list it for sale, it can also lead to extreme anxiety and financial hardship.

Real estate markets can change quickly. If the market stalls just

would. Then your new home will cost more if you have to take out a swing loan to complete the purchase.

Your negotiating position could be compromised if you buy first because you'll be operating under a deadline to get your house sold and closed in time to close the escrow on your new home.

Dian Hymer is a broker associate with Coldwell Banker in Montclair and author of "Buying & Selling a Home in California" (Chronicle Books).

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counter back and forth a few times.

Mistake #10

when your house goes on the market, you may realize less from the sale of your house than you anticipated. It also might take longer to sell your home than you hoped it

Finaly, don't discount the anxiety you're likely to experience if you end up owning two homes for awhile. The safest and sanest way to buy a new home is to sell your current one first. Ask the buyer to give you a long close of escrow and/or a rent back provision so that you'll have time to find a new home and reduce the chances of having to make an interim move.

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CROCKER TRADITIONAL.....\$525,000
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4933 STONERIDGE CT. - Lovely Ridgemont Home.	Beautifully maintained.	3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. SHERRY BENNINGER		\$289,000
6731 HEARTWOOD DR. - Montclair	Great one level home w/front and rear yards.	Family room off kitchen. Skylight & rear deck. Central location. GEORGE KARSANT		\$255,000
5360 KELLY JAMES - Rockridge - Probate - Just listed.	This cozy home is a great alternative to condo living!	1+ bedroom & 1 bath. Good starter. JO-ANNE BOISVERT		\$185,000

1295 SUNNY HILLS	CROCKER HIGHLANDS	4BD/3BA	\$679,000
6366 HEATHER RIDGE WAY	MONTCLAIR	4BD/3BA	\$499,000
11205 GOLF LINKS ROAD	OAKLAND	4BD/2 1/2BA	\$374,500
4014 LAKESHORE AVE.	CROCKER HIGHLANDS	4BD/2 1/2BA	\$368,000
5070 KEARNEY AVE.	MONTCLAIR	4BD/2BA	\$339,000
514 FAIRBANKS	OAKLAND	3BD/1 1/2BA	\$329,000
1021 NORWOOD AVE.	CROCKER HIGHLANDS	2BD/1BA	\$279,000
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HAVENS MANSION IN PIEDMONT	\$2,995,000	CHINA HILL	\$255,000
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SHERRY BENNINGER		KEVIN McMULLEN	
HILLER HIGHLANDS	\$450,000	ONE OWNER HOME	\$285,000
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NORM ROBINOW		KATHERINE COOPER	
BERKELEY	\$435,000	WONDERFUL CRAFTSMEN	\$227,000
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JAN NEFF		ADRIANA GIACOMELLI	
MONTCLAIR	\$367,000	NICE TRADITIONAL ON CUL-DE-SAC	\$192,000
Bank repo/SPL Financing. Dramatic contemporary, living room; dining/family room; large master suite w/sitting area & master bath. 4BD/3BA total.		3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Dimond district. 2 car garage. Cozy.	
LINDA VAN DRENT		MAXWELL PARK	\$159,000
PIEDMONT PINES	\$362,000	Adorable Spanish — 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, eat in kitchen, formal dining, fireplace & hardwood floors.	
All level ranch style on cul-de-sac. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths. Large family room with fireplace, beamed ceilings.		STACY WINETT	
DIAN HYMER			

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REMODELED MEDITERRANEAN	\$525,000	ONE FAMILY OR TWO?	\$223,000
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BERKELEY 8 BROWNSHINGLE	\$367,000	PERFECT FAMILY STARTER	\$219,000
8 bedrooms and 3 baths (not a misprint!). Perfect for large family, or even student housing. Large yard and parking, near park.		Move-in condition! Remodeled kitchen, 3 BR 2 BA with master suite that opens to private patio/yard. Hardwood floors, fireplace, garage.	
MEDITERRANEAN TRIPLEX	\$575,000	SOPHISTICATED CONDO	\$154,000
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ALBANY STARTER OPPORTUNITY	\$156,000	FIVE YEAR OLD CONDO	\$149,000
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Unbelievable! 5+ Bedrooms, 3 baths, family room, 2 fireplaces, deck, garden & huge lot.		3 bedrooms 2 bath in quiet neighborhood on the Albany border. Plus 1 BR upstairs rental! Walk to shopping, school, or trans.	



'Refi-mania' grabs mortgage market as rates drop again



STEVE MILLER

Refinancing is up 85 percent across nation

A year ago thousands of gleeful homeowners hopped on the refinancing bandwagon, trading in their double-digit mortgages for the new 8.5 percent rates. In doing so, many of them were saving hundreds of dollars a month.

Now, barely 12 months later, many of those same people are looking at 7.5 percent rates and asking themselves if they should go through the process of obtaining a new loan to shave another point off their mortgage and pocket a few more hard-earned greenbacks.

Nationwide, refinancing is up 85 percent from the same week in 1992, when an earlier round of refinancing was in full swing.

Nearly 70 percent of Richard Fishman's business right now is refinancing. His company, RAF Mortgage in Berkeley, has seen a steady volume of business spring from the freefalling rates.

Homeowners who refinanced during the first round of interest cuts a year ago may be wondering if it makes sense for them to do it again.

Fishman said, "If you're at 8.5 percent it makes sense to (refinance) again."

Fishman said if a mortgage holder can save even one-half of one percent, it makes sense to go through the process again, particularly if the homeowner deals with the same lender who recently refinanced him and who has current documentation on file.

Hannah Goody of Goody Mortgage & Investment, Inc. said "refi-mania" will continue as long as rates stay low. More than half of her firm's business right now is refinancing, she said, and many clients are the same ones she dealt with last spring.

"If they have nothing to lose

and can go down another point, they're doing it," she said.

Refinance activity is occurring in all price ranges on both owner-occupied homes and rental houses, she said.

The no-closing-cost loans are very attractive, said Bob Ireland, owner of Ireland Financial Group in Montclair. "Money is so cheap that (lenders) can raise the interest rate (to cover fees) and not charge the client closing costs. How can they say no?"

Eighty percent of Ireland's business right now is refinancing, he said, one-third of which are people who refinanced within the last year and a half.

Ireland said that although the

Wall Street Journal this week predicted that rates would continue to slide, he was "walking on eggshells." He said all it would take for rates to head upward again

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HAL CASTLE

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Refinancing is up 85 percent across nation

A year ago thousands of gleeful homeowners hopped on the refinancing bandwagon, trading in their double-digit mortgages for the new 8.5 percent rates. In doing so, many of them were saving hundreds of dollars a month.

Now, barely 12 months later, many of those same people are looking at 7.5 percent rates and asking themselves if they should go through the process of obtaining a new loan to shave another point off their mortgage and pocket a few more hard-earned greenbacks.

Nationwide, refinancing is up 85 percent from the same week in 1992, when an earlier round of refinancing was in full swing.

Nearly 70 percent of Richard Fishman's business right now is refinancing. His company, RAF Mortgage in Berkeley, has seen a steady volume of business spring from the freefalling rates.

Homeowners who refinanced during the first round of interest cuts a year ago may be wondering if it makes sense for them to do it again.

Fishman said, "If you're at 8.5 percent it makes sense to (refinance) again."

Fishman said if a mortgage holder can save even one-half of one percent, it makes sense to go through the process again, particularly if the homeowner deals with the same lender who recently refinanced him and who has current documentation on file.

Hannah Goody of Goody Mortgage & Investment, Inc. said "refi-mania" will continue as long as rates stay low. More than half of her firm's business right now is refinancing, she said, and many clients are the same ones she dealt with last spring.

"If they have nothing to lose

and can go down another point, they're doing it," she said.

Refinance activity is occurring in all price ranges on both owner-occupied homes and rental houses, she said.

The no-closing-cost loans are very attractive, said Bob Ireland, owner of Ireland Financial Group in Montclair. "Money is so cheap that (lenders) can raise the interest rate (to cover fees) and not charge the client closing costs. How can they say no?"

Eighty percent of Ireland's business right now is refinancing, he said, one-third of which are people who refinanced within the last year and a half.

Ireland said that although the

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Delinquent payments hit low

The number of homeowners delinquent in making their mortgage payments fell to the lowest level in nearly 20 years during the fourth quarter of 1992, the Mortgage Bankers Association reported last week. The association said the low level of late payments reflected sharply lower interest rates that sparked an almost unprecedented refinancing of loans. Specifically, the association

said the seasonally adjusted delinquency rate for mortgage loans on one-to-four unit residential properties was 4.24 percent in the fourth quarter, down from 4.6 percent in the third quarter. In the worst years for mortgage repayments in the 1980s, the delinquency rate was over 6 percent.

On a year-to-year basis, all regions of the country experienced declines in delinquency rates in the quarter.



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another house, one on a larger lot, probably in a better neighborhood, but it will be smaller than the one they have now. They will have to buy a car. They can deal with that. It might not have a better kitchen, so remodeling could still be in the offing.

But the real kicker: It will cost quite a lot more every month to live there.

The area where they live now is not snazzy but it's pleasant enough. They've been happy there. There are still the questions of the garden and of doing too much to their house.

"We want a kitchen, they both say, "more than a bigger garden. It isn't that we don't have any garden space. It would just be nice to have more."

"Can you assume that if you had a new kitchen, you would stay in your house for five years?" we ask. "What will it cost to do a kitchen, maybe not the kitchen of your most ambitious dreams, but one that will make you happy?"

They pretty well knew the answer to this one. The kitchen has been a main topic for some time.

Our response is, "OK, think

about your loan, borrow enough for remodeling, the value of the house remains exactly as it is now, and you stay only five years. You don't make a cent of your money back, but you do get to enjoy the kitchen in the meantime. Would this work?

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Their kitchen is gutted now, but the cabinets arrive this week, and, although they are weary of frozen dinners, their is great excitement in their house.

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Home sales jump statewide; agents expect good spring

Sales of previously owned homes rose sharply nationwide in January from one year earlier, as the housing market continued to ride a wave of consumer optimism, the National Association of Realtors reported this week.

The association recorded a seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of 3.78 million existing single-family homes in January,

up 14.9 percent from January, 1992, when the resale rate was 3.29 million units. The trend over the past four months shows the market heading for its strongest year since 1979.

"More and more 'For Sale' signs are going up," said NAR president William Chee. Growing consumer confidence, he said, is why sales have picked up in mar-

kets across the nation.

"We're seeing people who want to sell, not just those who have to sell. The timing is good now for both sellers and buyers."

California sales

Harsh weather conditions dampened the state's existing, closed-escrow home sales in January, the

California Association of Realtors reported.

But, January sales were up a bit statewide from a year ago, said Walt McDonald, CAR president. The sales pace rose 1.8 percent over the previous January. The outlook for spring, he said, "looks bright as recent drops in the interest rate take effect."

"January's slight decline in

home sales followed the unusually strong pace registered during December, when completed sales activity rose sharply in nearly every region," McDonald said.

The median Bay Area list price was \$245,120 in January, up from \$242,950 the previous January, CAR reported.

The average for fixed mortgage interest rates fell during January.

According to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 8.21 percent in January, down 5.18 percent in January from 5.43 percent in Decem-

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